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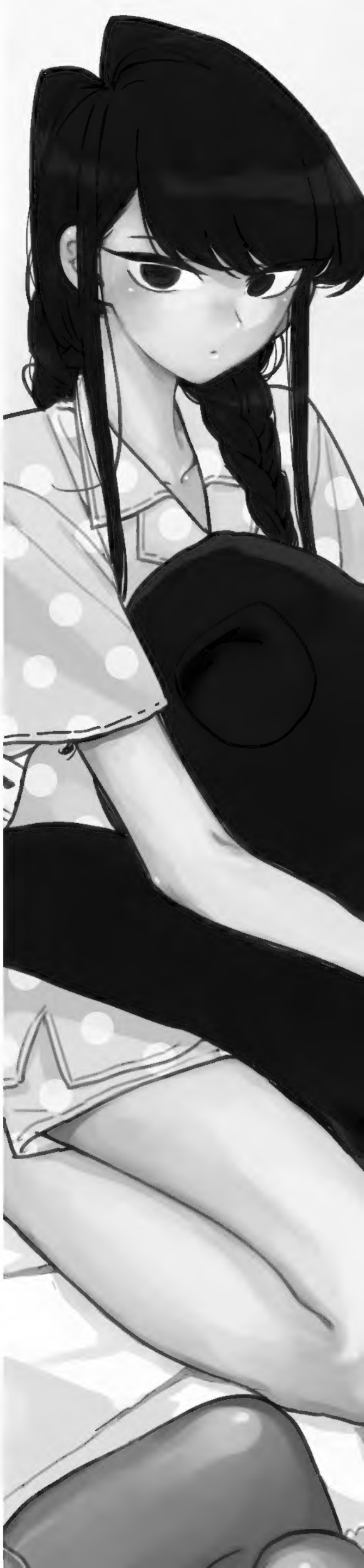

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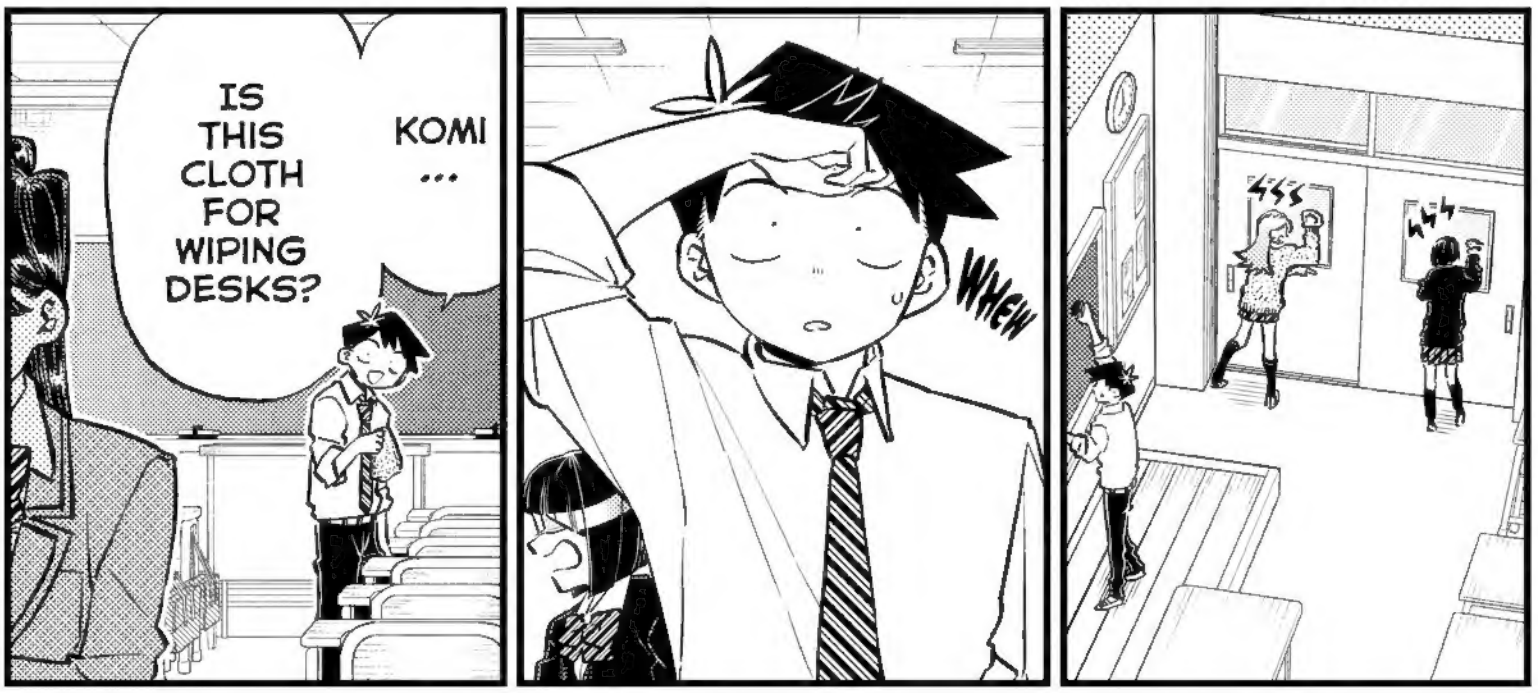
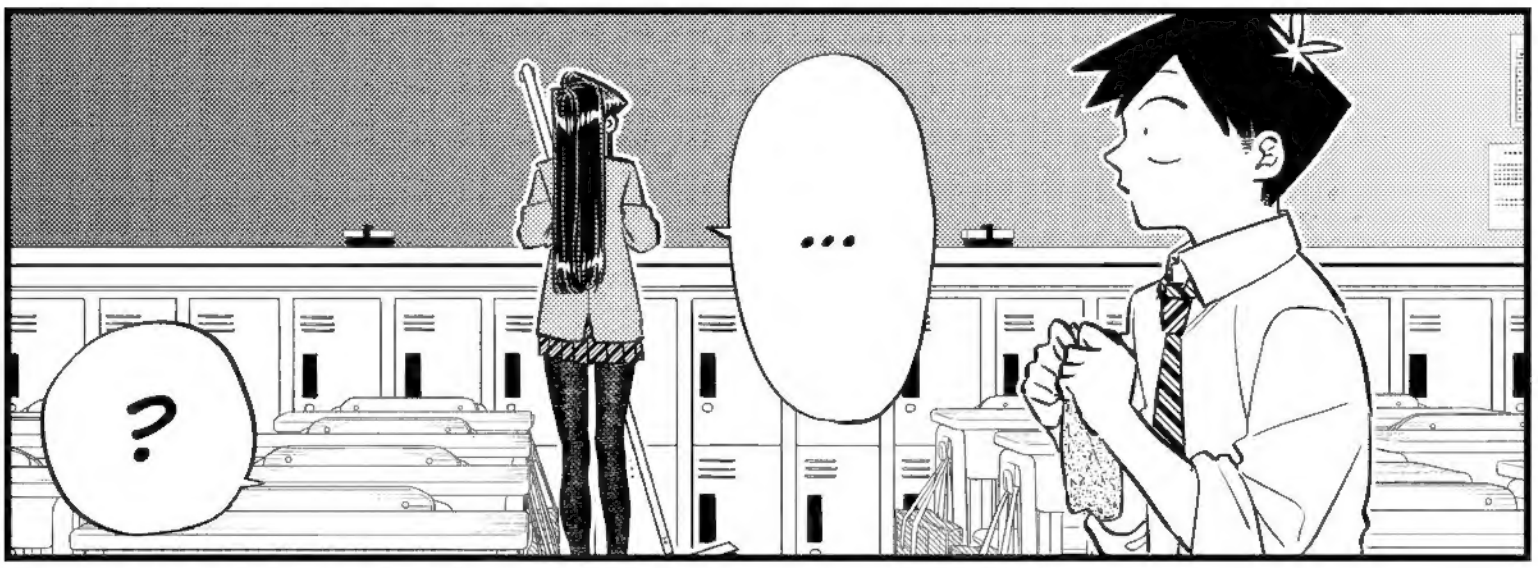
Having a communication disorder is like...





Communication 129: One Year

?!

You brought that?!

BATTLE DREAM

Let's play Battle Dream !!!

Because it's super exciting !!

In certain circles, it has an almost cult-like following !!

SUPER EXCITING!!

... in which players try to flick balls through their opponents' goals!!

Battle Dream is a game ...

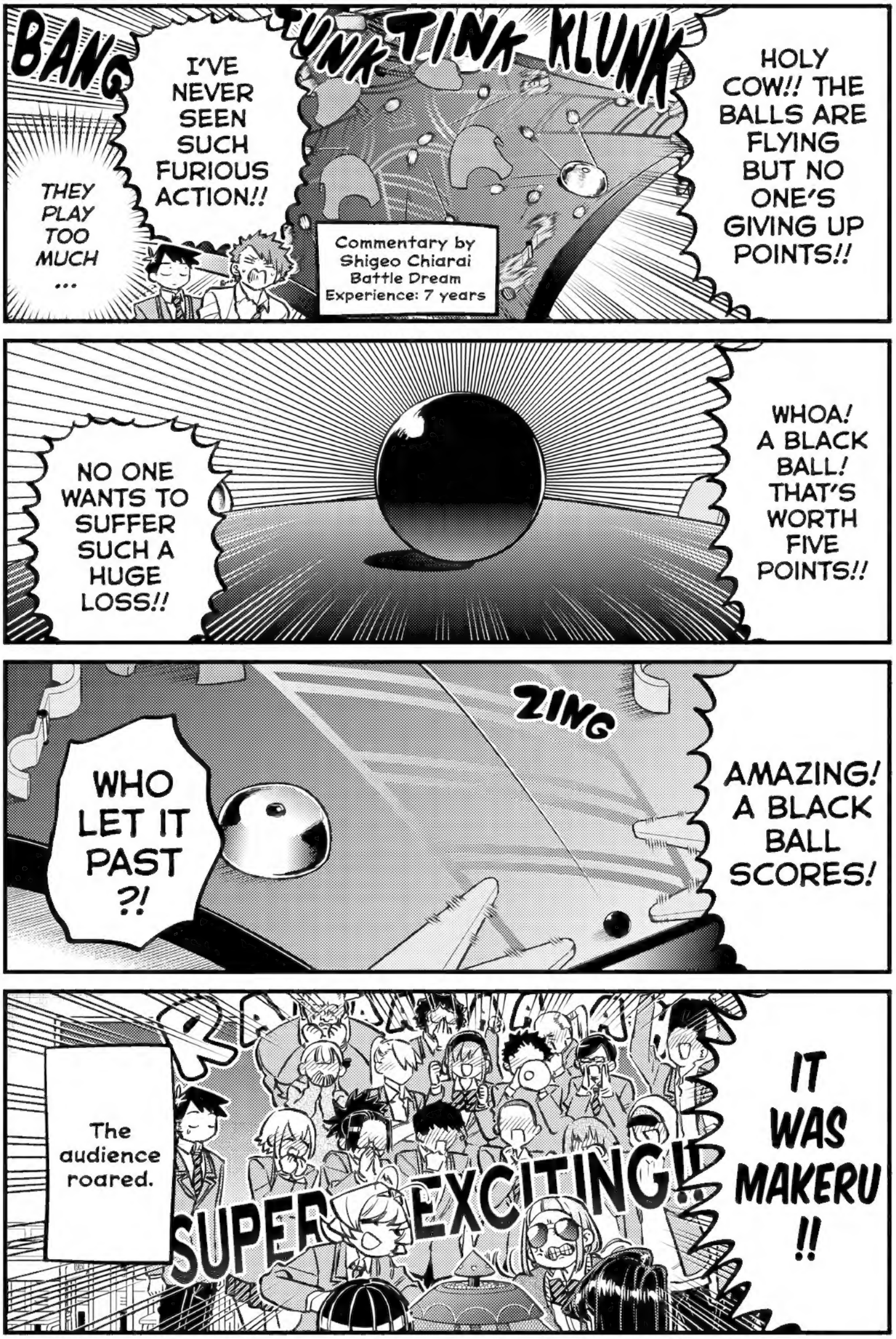
Makeru Yadano
Battle Dream
Experience:
12 years!!

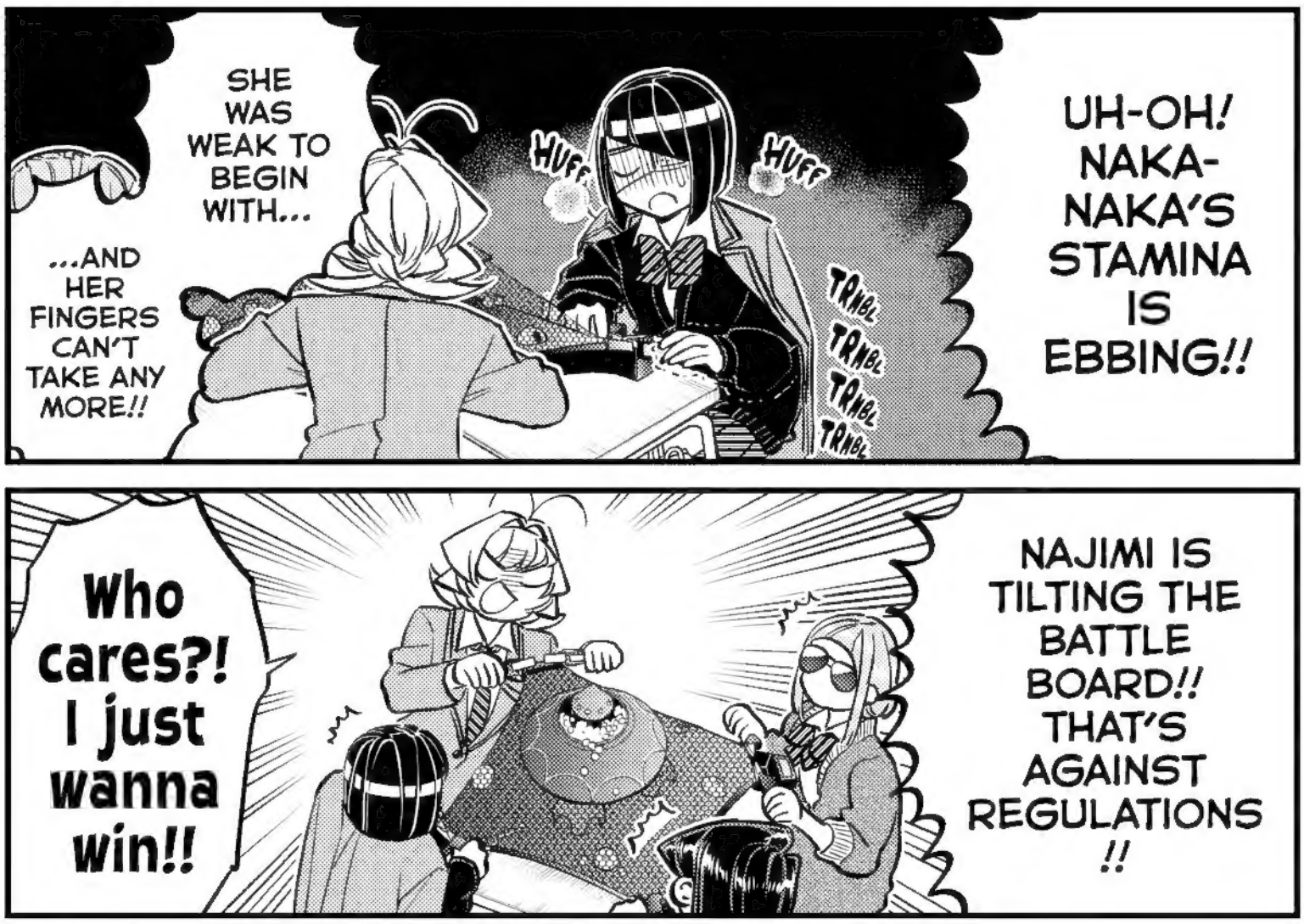
Omoharu Nakanaka
Battle Dream
Experience:
4 years!!

THIS IS OUR MOMENT!

Whatcha playin'?

What's that?


BANG
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH FURIOUS ACTION!!
THEY PLAY TOO MUCH ...
TINK KLUNK
Commentary by Shigeo Chiarai Battle Dream Experience: 7 years
HOLY COW!! THE BALLS ARE FLYING BUT NO ONE'S GIVING UP POINTS!!
NO ONE WANTS TO SUFFER SUCH A HUGE LOSS!!
WHOA! A BLACK BALL! THAT'S WORTH FIVE POINTS!!
ZING
WHO LET IT PAST ?!
AMAZING! A BLACK BALL SCORES!
The audience roared.
SUPER EXCITING!!
IT WAS MAKERU !!


SHE WAS WEAK TO BEGIN WITH...
...AND HER FINGERS CAN'T TAKE ANY MORE!!
HUFF
HUFF
TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL
UH-OH! NAKA-NAKA'S STAMINA IS EBBING!!
Who cares?! I just wanna win!!
NAJIMI IS TILTING THE BATTLE BOARD!! THAT'S AGAINST REGULATIONS !!
W...
...WHAT ABOUT KOMI?!
UMPH!
MAKERU REMAINS DETER-MINED!!
OH NO!
EVEN KOMI'S TILTING! HOW WILL THIS END?!
HWUP
SUPER EXCITING!!

YELLOW X 1
BLACK X 5

I'VE TABULATED THE RESULTS.

Yaaay!!

NAJIMI WINS!!

MAKERU, 36 POINTS.

NAJIMI, 9 POINTS.

KOMI, 14 POINTS.

NAKA-NAKA, 25 POINTS.

URGH

I am the win-ner!

HEH HEH...

WHEW ...

Fine! Bring it on!!

Me too!!

I wanna play too!!

And me!!

SUPER EXCIT ING!!

Me too!!

...!

TOO BAD, HUH?

RAAAH RAAAH

...?

NOD

...

Boo Boo

No fair, Najimi !!

Boo Boo

!

DO YOU FEEL SICK?

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

SUPER EXCITING!!

...

SWIP

"Sorry. I'm fine. Really."

Najimi wins!!

YAAAY

BYE-BYE!♪
I'VE GOT PLANS! BYE!
HUH? HEY!
CLOSE THE DOOR BEHIND ME, TADANO!!
BING BONG BING BONG
G-G-GOOD JOB T-TO-DAY!!
UNTIL TOMOR-ROW, MY ALLY! MWA HA HA...
?!
DRAG DRAG
CHOP
OW!
KOMI, CAN I...
...HAVE A GOODBYE KISS?
BYE, KOMI! BYE, TADANO!
Nah, I'm too chick-en...
SEE YA!
CAN AH SAY TOO-DA-LOO TOO?!
BYE! TAKE CARE!

...
NOD
EVERYONE LEFT.

"Just a small collaps-ible one."
DO YOU HAVE AN UM-BRELLA ?
YEAH. ME TOO.
OH, IT STARTED RAINING.

Having a communi-cation disorder is like...

I FEEL LONELY.

...WE'LL BE IN NEW CLASSES.

IN JUST OVER A WEEK...

...IS IN A FEW DAYS.

THE CLOSING CEREMONY ...

She isn't used to saying goodbye.

...THIS TIME TO END.

I DON'T WANT...

...

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN.
KSHHH

...PASSED SO QUICKLY.

THIS YEAR...

...

NOD

HUFF HUFF

SILENCE.

NAJIMI IS SUPER CHAOTIC, BUT THAT HELPED YOU MEET LOTS OF OTHER PEOPLE.

YOUR FIRST FRIEND WAS NAJIMI.

...

NOD

LET'S ALL GO OUT TO EAT AGAIN SOME-TIME.

SWIP

...AND FOUND OUT SHE'S A BIG FOODIE.

THEN YOU BECAME FRIENDS WITH AGARI...

...!

NOD NOD

Kami's a fabulous cook!

How would I know?

GWOOO

...BUT THEY'RE ACTU-ALLY A GOOD PAIR.

YAMAI AND NAKANAKA CLASH A LOT...

...
HEARTFELT NOD
THEY'RE REASSURING AND DEPEND-ABLE.
...ARE REALLY RELI-ABLE.
AND ONEMINE AND OTORI...
...IT WORKED OUT WELL.
I WAS WORRIED AT FIRST, BUT...
...
YOU BECAME FRIENDS WITH KATO AND SASAKI ON THE SCHOOL TRIP.
AND WE SHOULD HANG OUT WITH MAEDA AND USHIRODA SOMETIME.
!
NOD
...
NOD
...BUT WE HELPED OUT AT THE END.
IT'S TOO BAD SATO WAS CLEANING THE CLASS-ROOM ALL BY HERSELF ...
AND WE GOT FORTUNES AT A SHRINE.
...AND A SNOW-BALL FIGHT ...
WE HAD A CHRIST-MAS PARTY...
WE WENT SHOPPING AND TO THE POOL AND A SUMMER FESTIVAL.
... AND A CULTURE FESTI-VAL.
WE HAD A SPORTS FESTI-VAL...
MAID CAFE

...ISN'T STOP-PING.

THE RAIN...

...IT WILL EVEN-TUALLY.

BUT...

...

...

...BUT I CAN'T.

!!

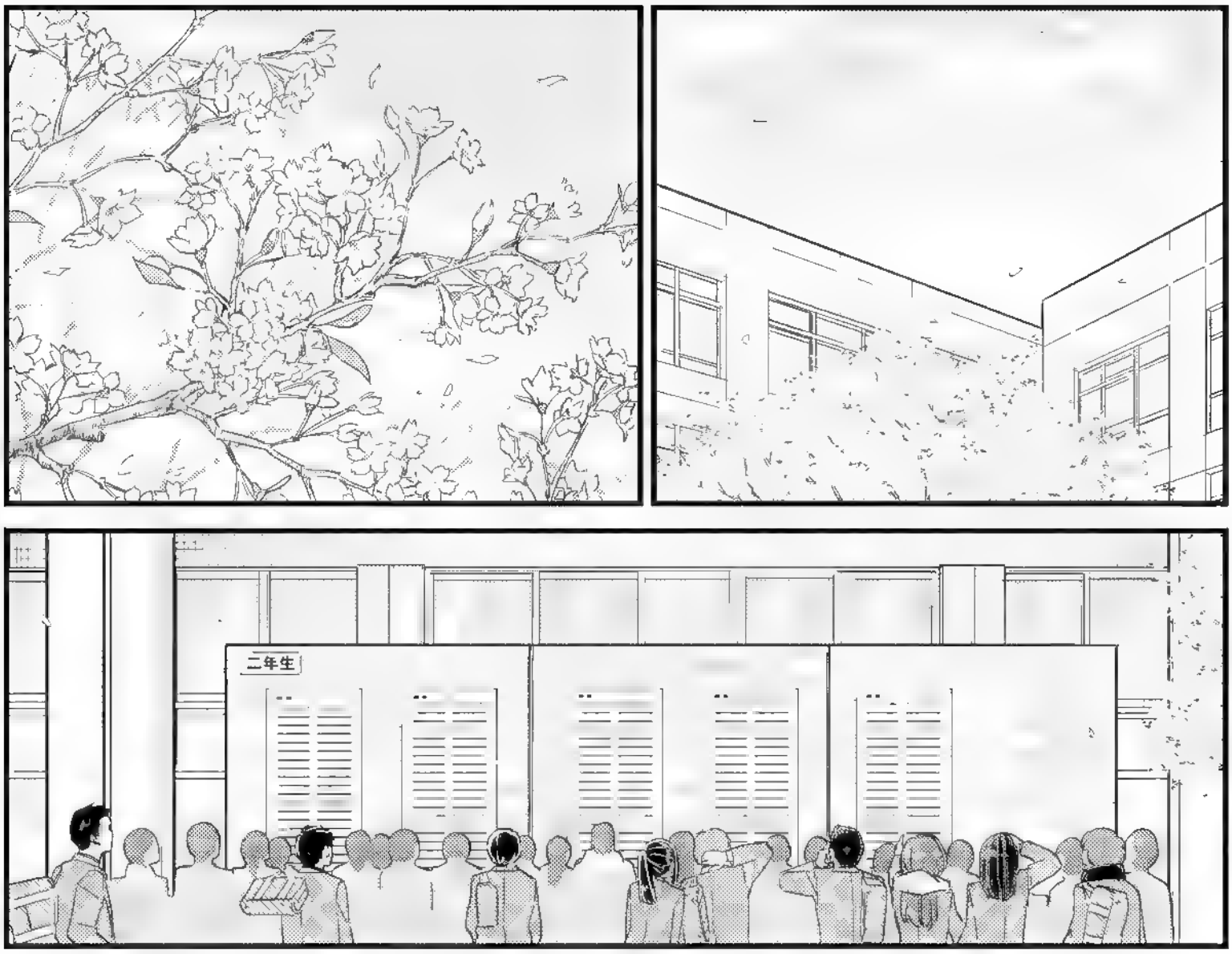
I THOUGHT I COULD COME UP WITH SOMETHING COOL TO SAY ABOUT THE RAIN LETTING UP...

WE'RE KIND OF STUCK, HUH?

YES.

FWAMMM
JOLT
I forgot Battle Dream !!!
...
TRMBL
TRMBL
Lemme share your umbrella!
ARE YOU TWO STILL HERE? LET'S WALK HOME TOGETHER!!

Hm?
DON'T PLAY DUMB!
You just wanted to leave early.
DIDN'T YOU HAVE PLANS?
...
N-NOD
B-BUT DON'T FORCE YOUR-SELF.
?!
Komi, it's your job to invite every-one!!
Good idea!
OH, RIGHT. LET'S ALL HANG OUT AFTER THE CLOSING CEREMONY!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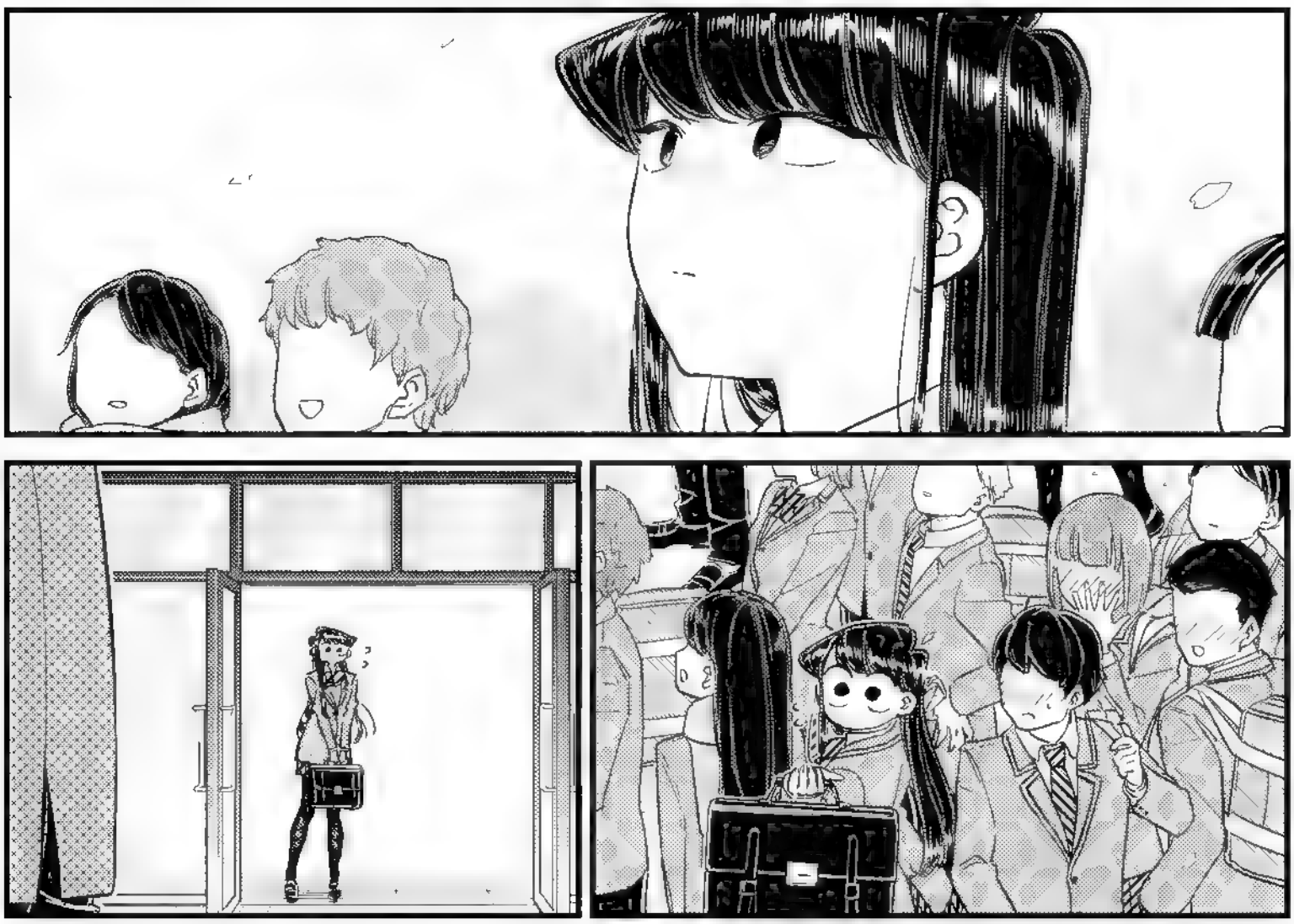

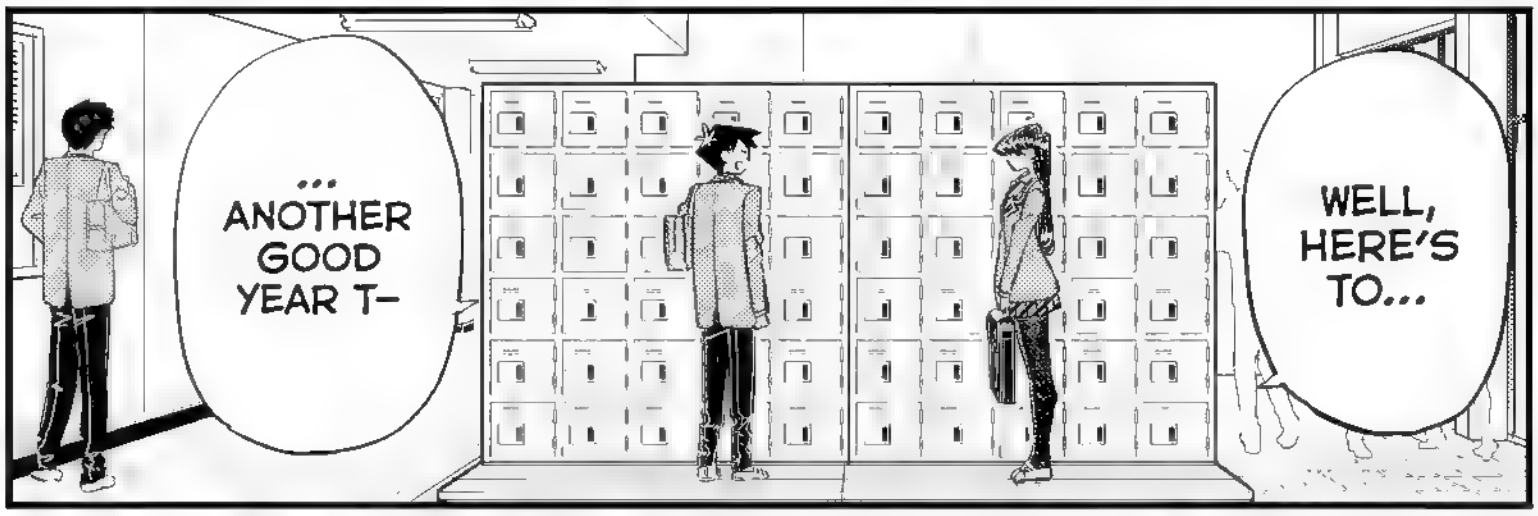

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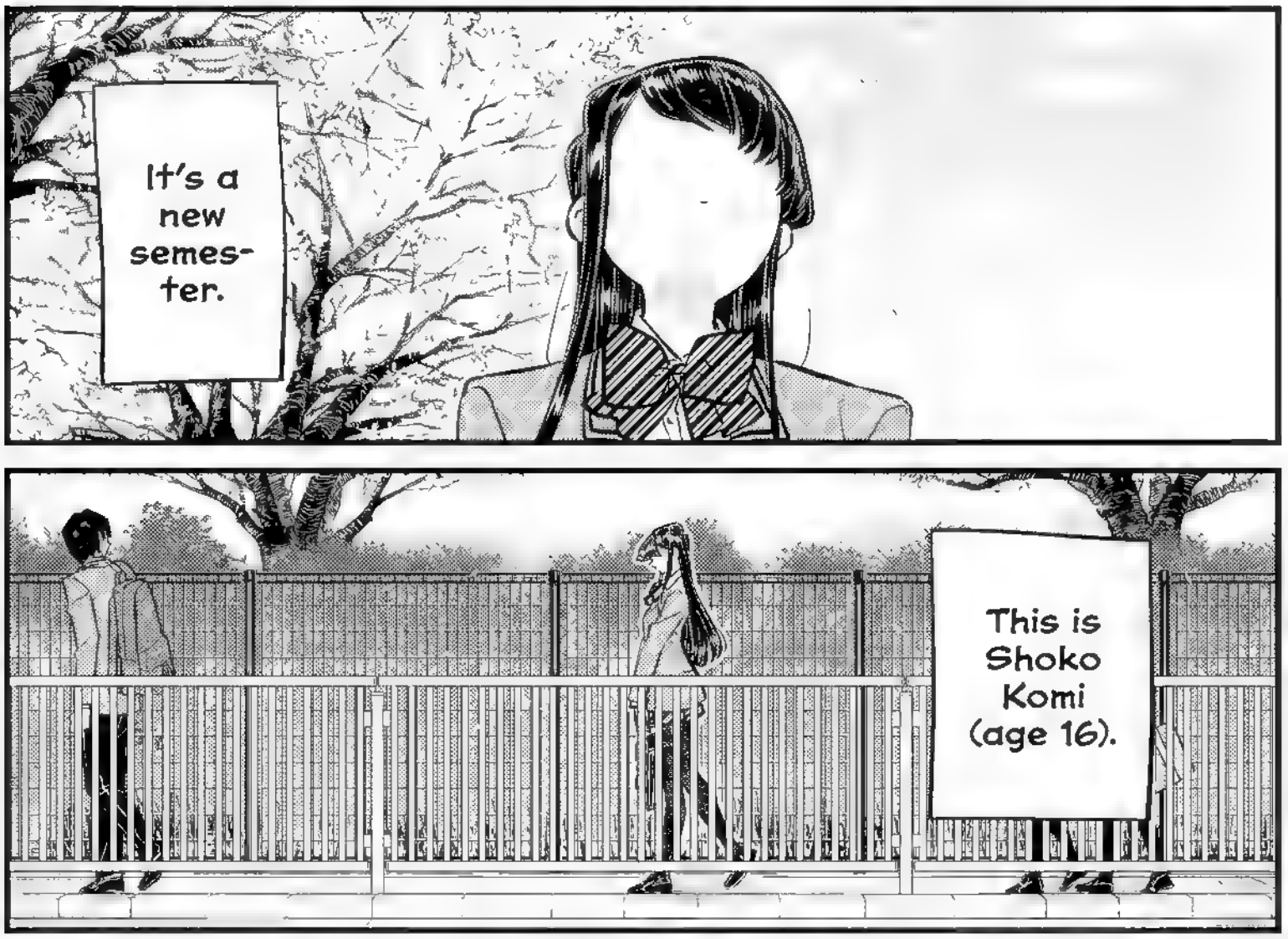


With the help of her friends, she had a fulfilling year and grew as a person.
One year ago, she passed through the school gates with a communi-cation disorder that kept her from socializing with her fellow students.
...are a reflection of that growth.
...and digni-fied bearing ...
Her beauty* ...
*Specifically those starry eyes and that bright smile.

Communication 130: New Class

CLASS 2-1 SEATING

Whoa...

There's Komi!

Trying hard not to look rattled

Came in through a different door

KOMI

GLANCE

...

...

Komi did a massive double take.

?!

FWIP

...

Jittery because she knows they're whispering about her

PSST

m so happy.

PSST

Me too! I could just die!

PSST

I c-can't believe we're in Komi's class

PSST

GLANCE

Eeee!

Waaah!!

G...GLANCE

ARE Y-YOU ALL RIGHT?

!

Doesn't know anyone

Ridiculously relieved but trying not to show it

...

NOD

WE'RE SITTING DIAGONALLY FROM EACH OTHER THIS YEAR. I'M GLAD WE'RE STILL CLOSE!

...

...CLASS?

...TO A DIFFERENT...

...GOT MOVED...

...HOW MOST OF THE GIRLS...

UM, HAVE YOU NOTICED...

Very uneasy

Yamai's protestations were audible from down the hall.

?!

JOLT

WHY AM I NOT IN KOMI'S CLASS?! I'M GONNA TAKE THIS TO THE SCHOOL BOARD!!!

I'M SO NER-VOUS...

!

Makoto Katai arrives

BUT KATAI IS STILL WITH US.

!!

SWIP

HE SITS NEXT TO ME.

And behind you.

K-KOMI?!

THANK YOU, MY GODDESS!

ZZZ

THAT'S SIMPLE!

I'm Shoko Komi. Pleased to meet you.

SWIP

UM... GOOD IDEA.

I'm going to hand them out.

FWUMP FORTY COPIES!!

GASP

!

HOW ABOUT YOU, KATAI?

...

UH-OH! I FORGOT BECAUSE I WAS TOO WORRIED ABOUT WHETHER I'D BE IN TADANO'S CLASS!

.....UH-HUH.

TIONS
TAK
TAK
RATTLE
WHAT IS THIS? BATTLE ROYALE ?!
GUN
BAM
And now it's time for self-introductions!!
IS THIS HELL?!
RELATE AN EMBARRASSING STORY
DO AN IMPRESSION OF SOMEONE (NAJIMI'S CHOICE)
And you gotta do it according to your roll of this die!!
OOOOM

YOU HAVE TO *RAP!!*

Tah-dum!

Huh?!

Class 2-1, #13
Saku Fushima

M-ME?!!

DO AN IMPRESSION

ACT LIKE ROBOT

Fushi first! I wonder what you'll get! ♪

AND I LIKE SAKURA, YO!

SAKURA BLOOM OUTSIDE, YO!

I'M SAKU FUSHIMA, YO!

YO, YO!

Y...

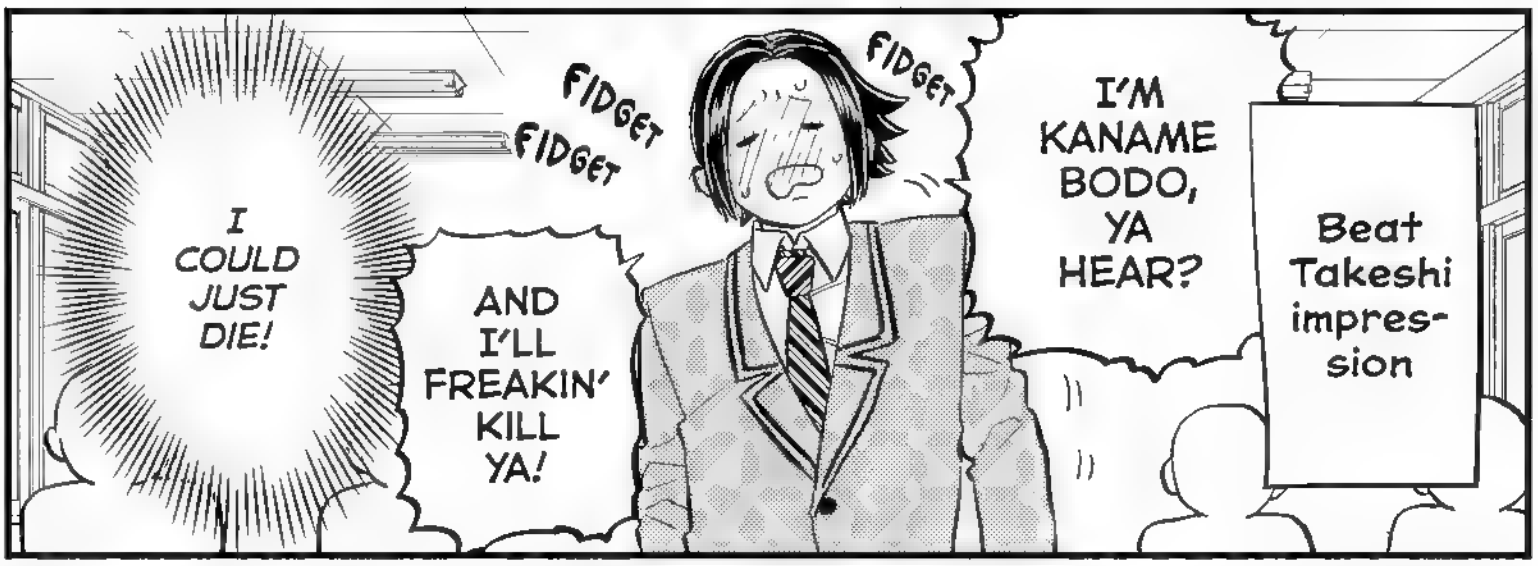
...

...

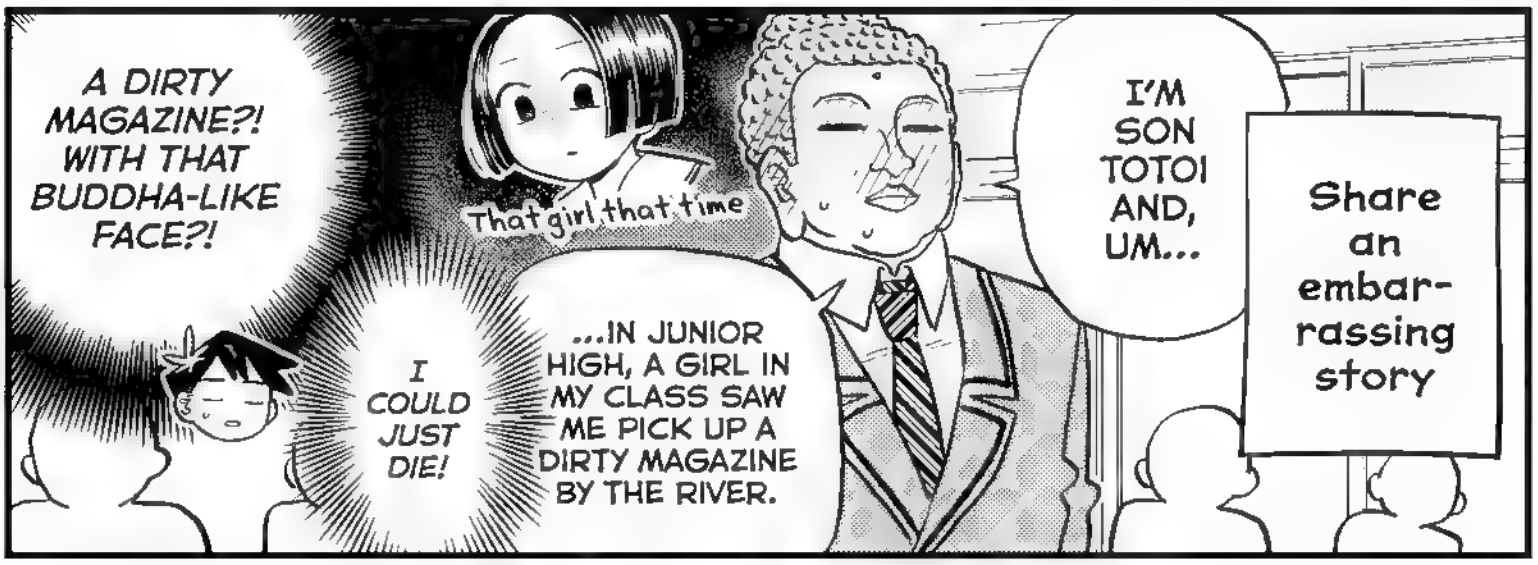
AT LEAST YOU TRIED!!!

I COULD JUST DIE!!!

WHIRRR KLANNNNK
I COULD JUST DIE!
CALL-ME-MASU.
I-AM-MASUKO-FUWA.
Act like a robot
VREEE VRRR


I COULD JUST DIE!
FIDGET FIDGET
AND I'LL FREAKIN' KILL YA!
FIDGET
I'M KANAME BODO, YA HEAR?
Beat Takeshi impres-sion

I COULD JUST DIE!
AND I LIKE BOOBS!
SO I'M NIP-PLEASED TO MEET YA!
I'M SHUKO OHAI!! UH-HUH! YEP!
Be hyper


A DIRTY MAGAZINE?! WITH THAT BUDDHA-LIKE FACE?!
That girl, that time
I COULD JUST DIE!
...IN JUNIOR HIGH, A GIRL IN MY CLASS SAW ME PICK UP A DIRTY MAGAZINE BY THE RIVER.
I'M SON TOTOI AND, UM...
Share an embar-rassing story

I WONDER WHAT YOU'LL GET! ♪

TREMBLE TREMBLE TRMBL TRMBL TRMBL

!!

NEXT IS KOMI! MWA HA HA!

?!?!? ?!?

WHAAAT ?!

STRIKE A SEXY POSE TA-DA!

Do a sexy pose when you introduce your-self!!

Communication 130 — The End

Bonus Communication

Act like Old Man Eyeball from GeGeGe no Kitaro
H-HEY, KITARO! (FALSETTO)
M-MY NAME IS TADANO HITOHITO. (FALSETTO)
...
...
Tadano wanted to die too.
TADANO'S GOOD AT IMPRES-SIONS!
I COULD JUST DIE!

Communication Bonus — The End

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Rumiko Manbagi was worried.

*Surprised.

I'M SHOOK!*

*Very surprised.

...GAG-GED!*

LIKE SUPER...

*Alone.

RUMI'S, LIKE, SOLO!*

NONE OF MY FAM* IS HERE!

*Friends.

Rumiko Manbagi is a Manba Gyaru ☆

Communication 131: Gyaru

*Get lively.

I NEED A FAM FAST. TIME TO TURN IT UP!*

THIS IS, LIKE, LOW-KEY SAD AF.

SWOOOSH

WUS-SUP! ☆

...

SW OOOSH

S-SUP! ☆

Slang interpreted by: Kometani

*Excluded.

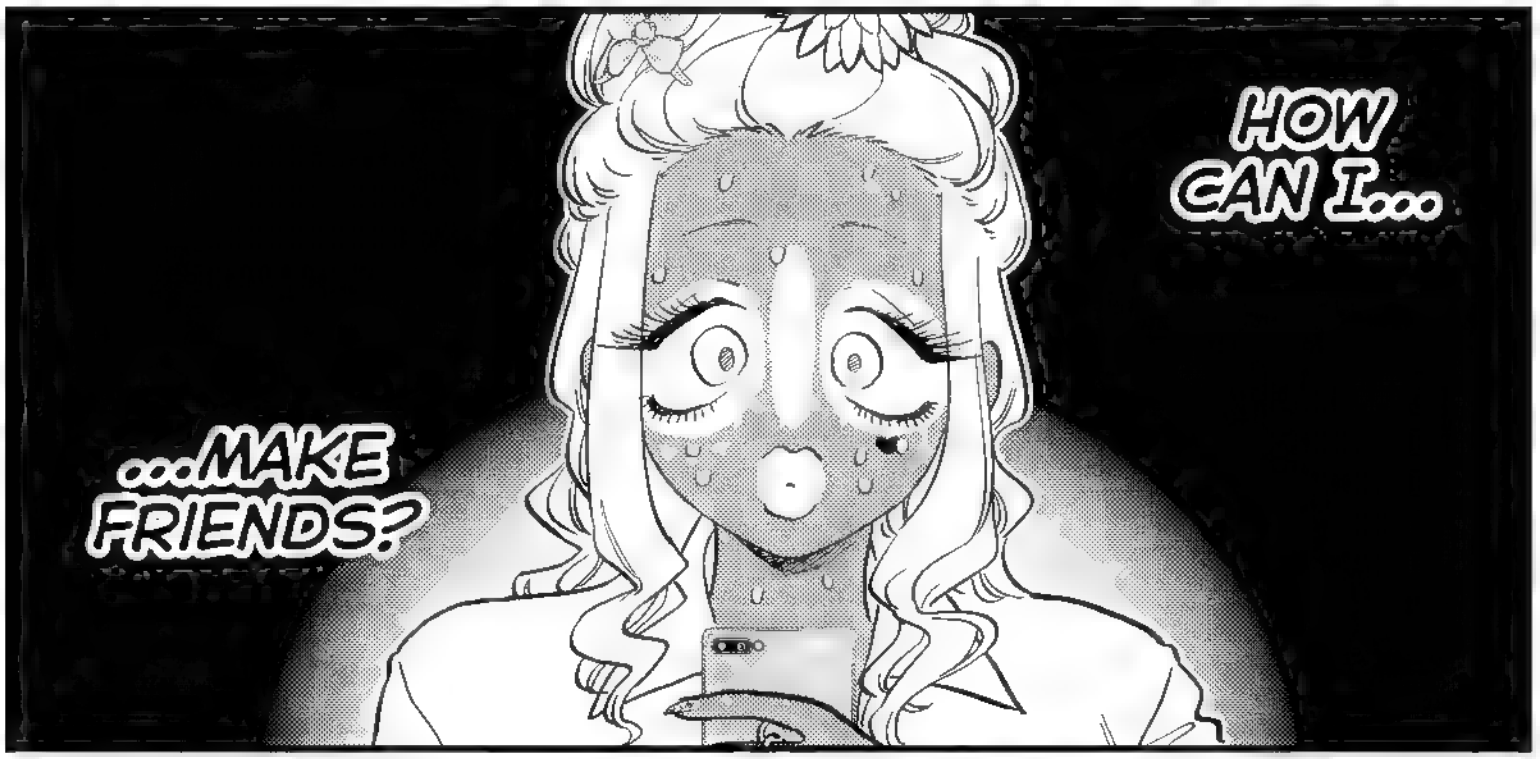
*Seri-ously?

DID I JUST GET DELETED?!*

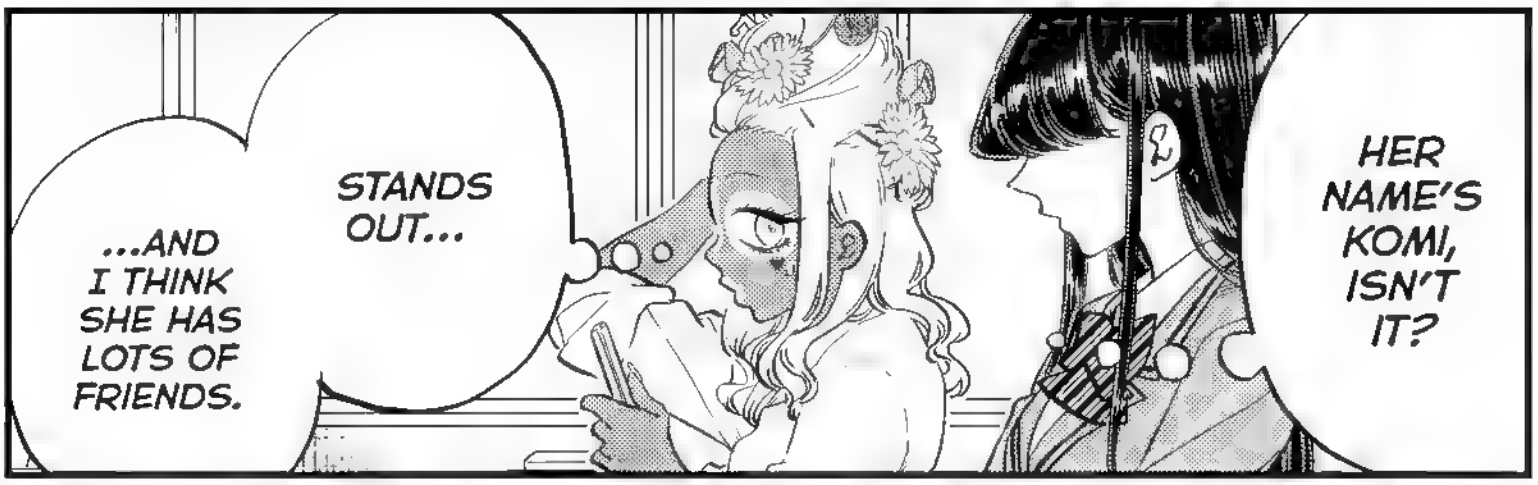
SRSLY?*

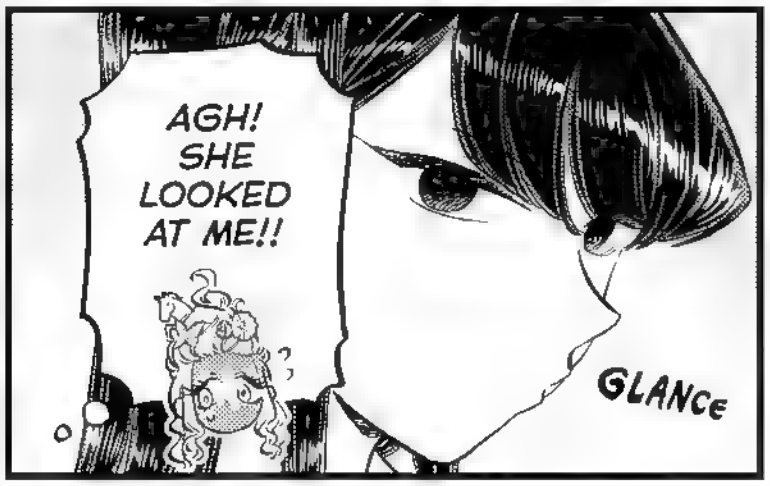
ALONE
WHY'D THEY DELETE ME?! IS SOME-THING WRONG?!
*Your face.
*Worst of all time.
GAH! TH-THIS IS THE W.O.A.T.*
TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP TAP
*A lot of text stickers.
*I'm going to.
S-STAY CHILL! IMMA* HIT YUKAPOYO AND MUTAN AND GONZALES WITH A STICKER STORM!*
*I have no friends in my class. Seriously? Hilarious. I'm about to go crazy.
FAVE
NO FAM IN THE ZONE.
SRSLY?
LOL BOUTA GO CRAY-CRAY.*
*Reply.
*Forever.
IT'S BEEN FOREVS* AND NO REP!?* SRSLY?!
SRSLY?

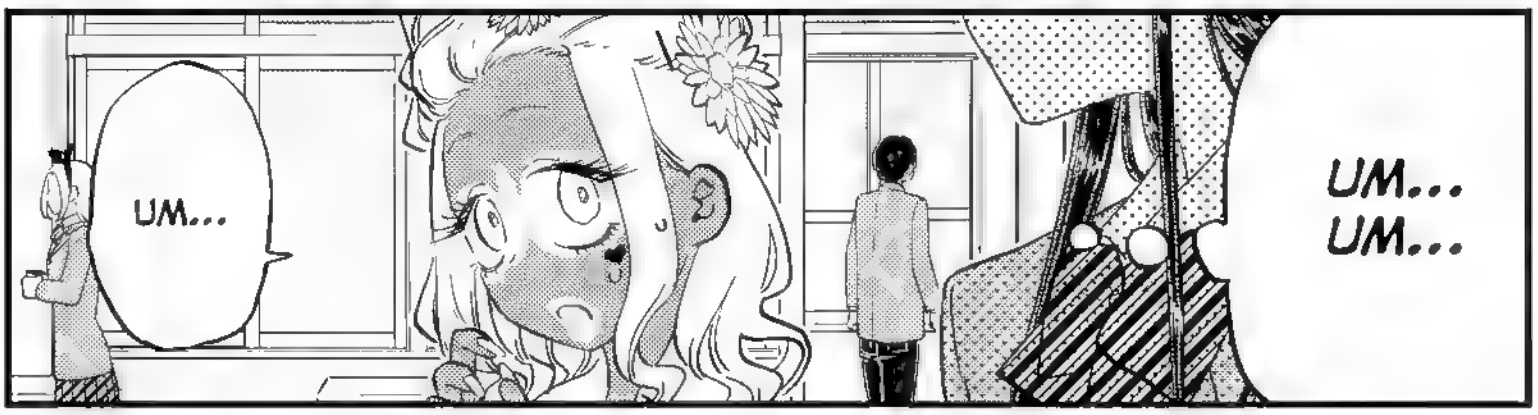
Afraid to be alone
BABMP
BABMP
BABMP
BABMP
BABMP
BABMP
HUH? HUH? THIS IS, LIKE, DOUBLE W.O.A.T.!


HOW CAN I...
...MAKE FRIENDS?

I GOTTA CALM DOWN!
!
SWIP
AT THIS RATE, I'LL BE ALONE ALL YEAR! NO WAY!







IS SHE THROWING SHADE AT ME?!
FWIP
Komi just happened to look away in embarrassment over her double-take at the same moment Rumiko spoke to her.

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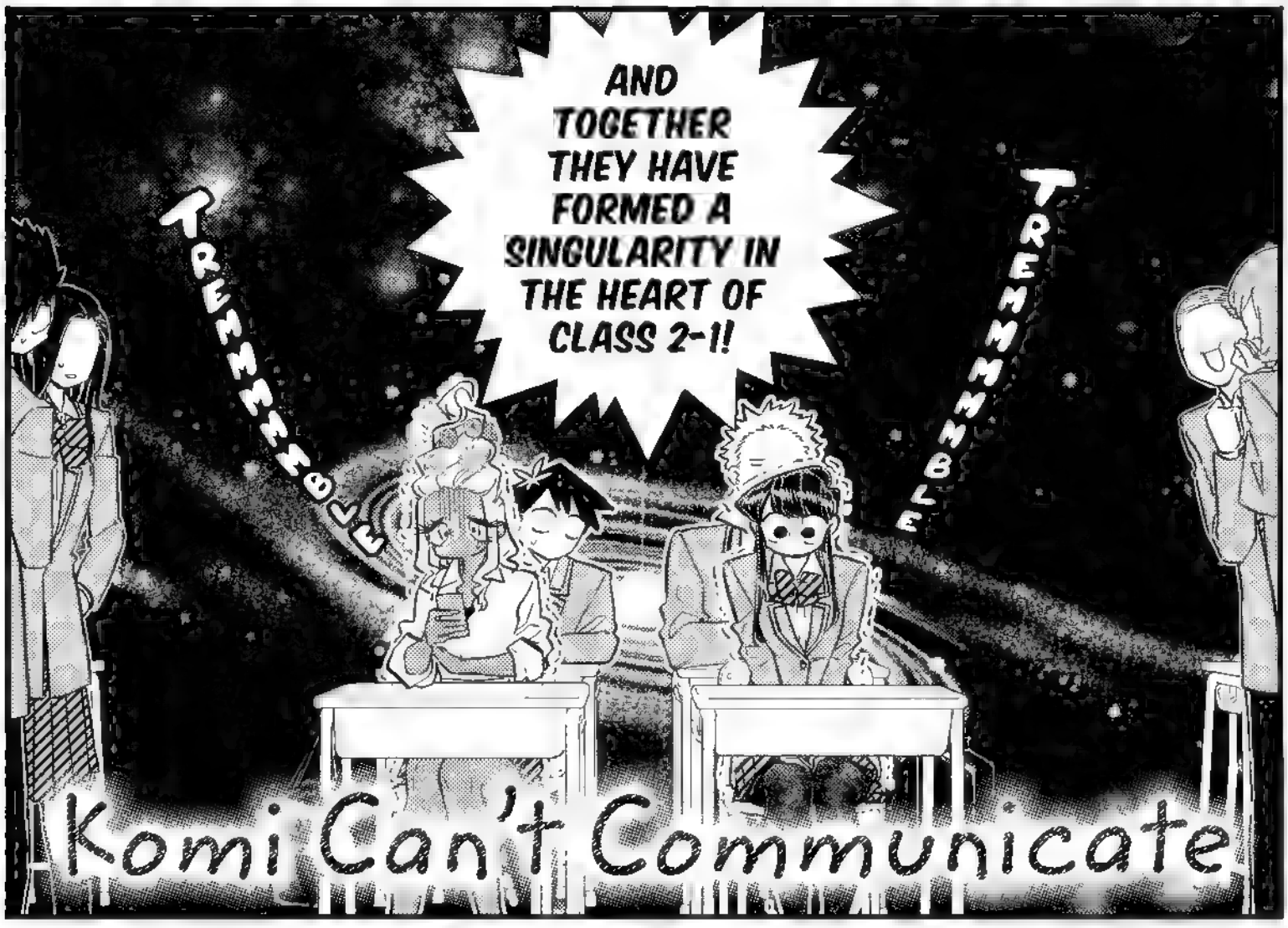
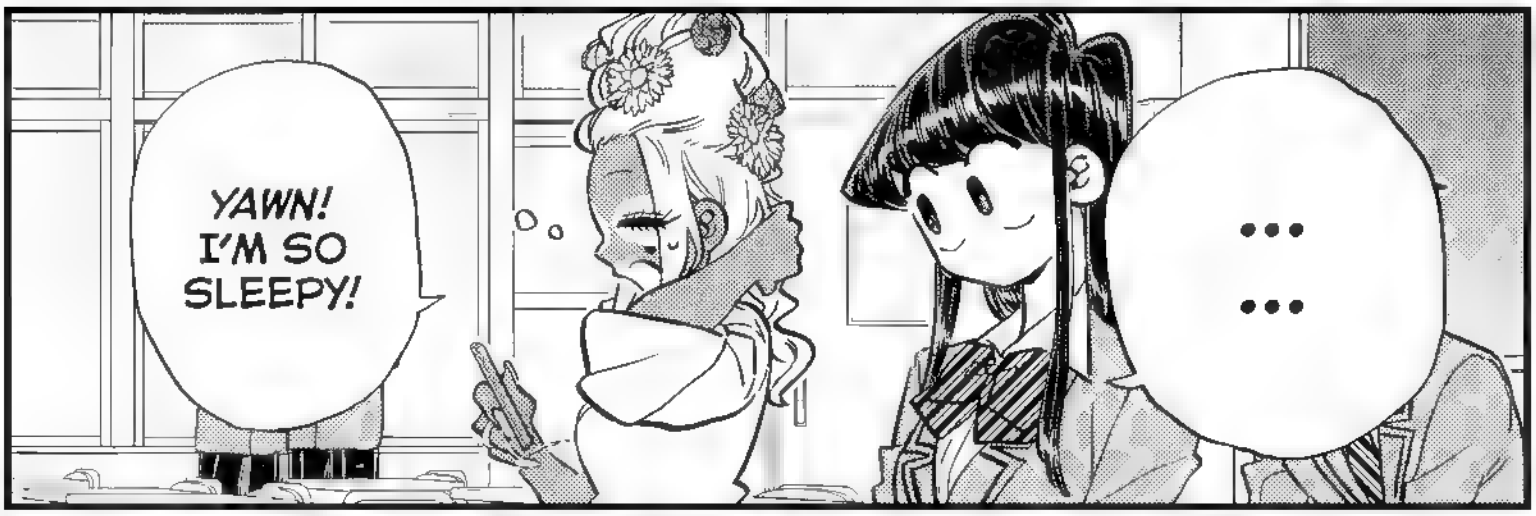
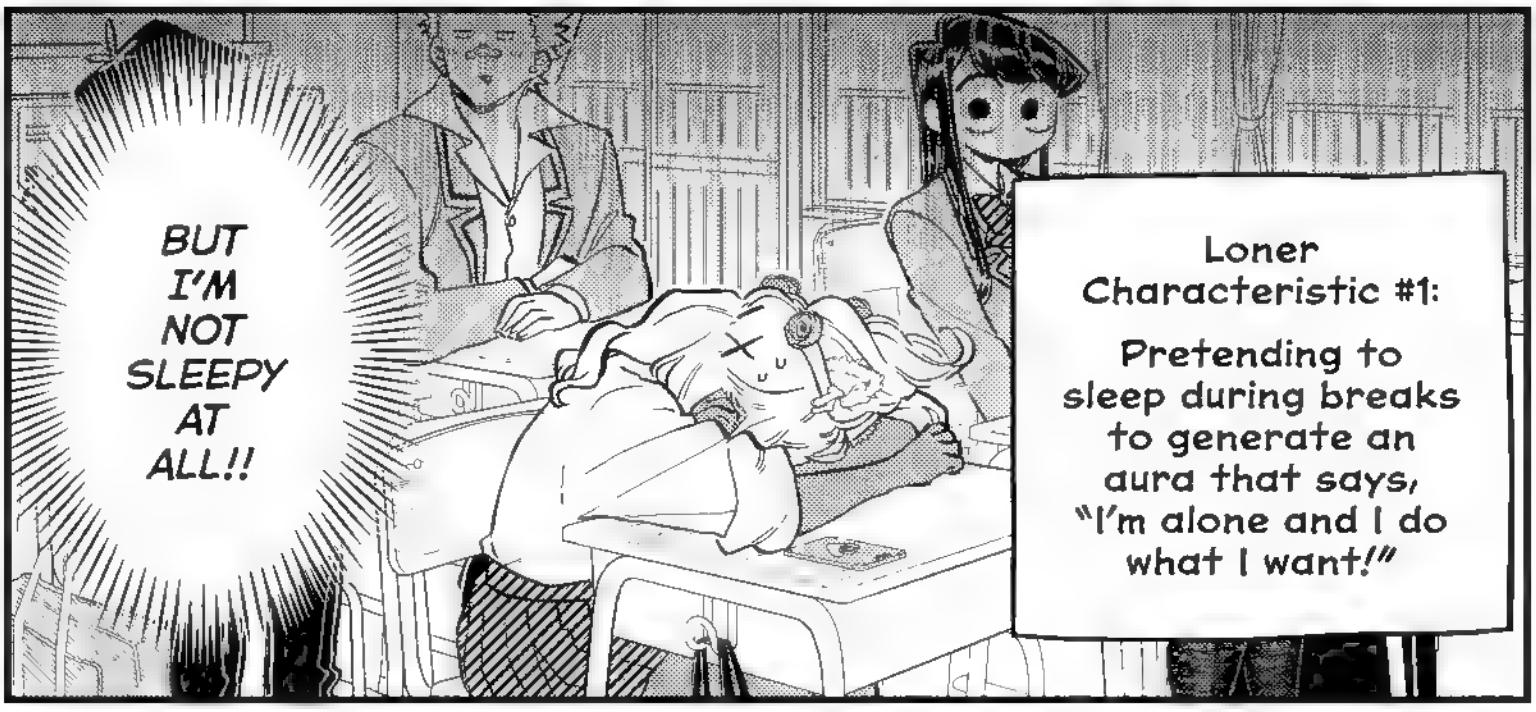


Communication 132: Me Too

Between classes
GLANCE


YAWN! I'M SO SLEEPY!
...
...

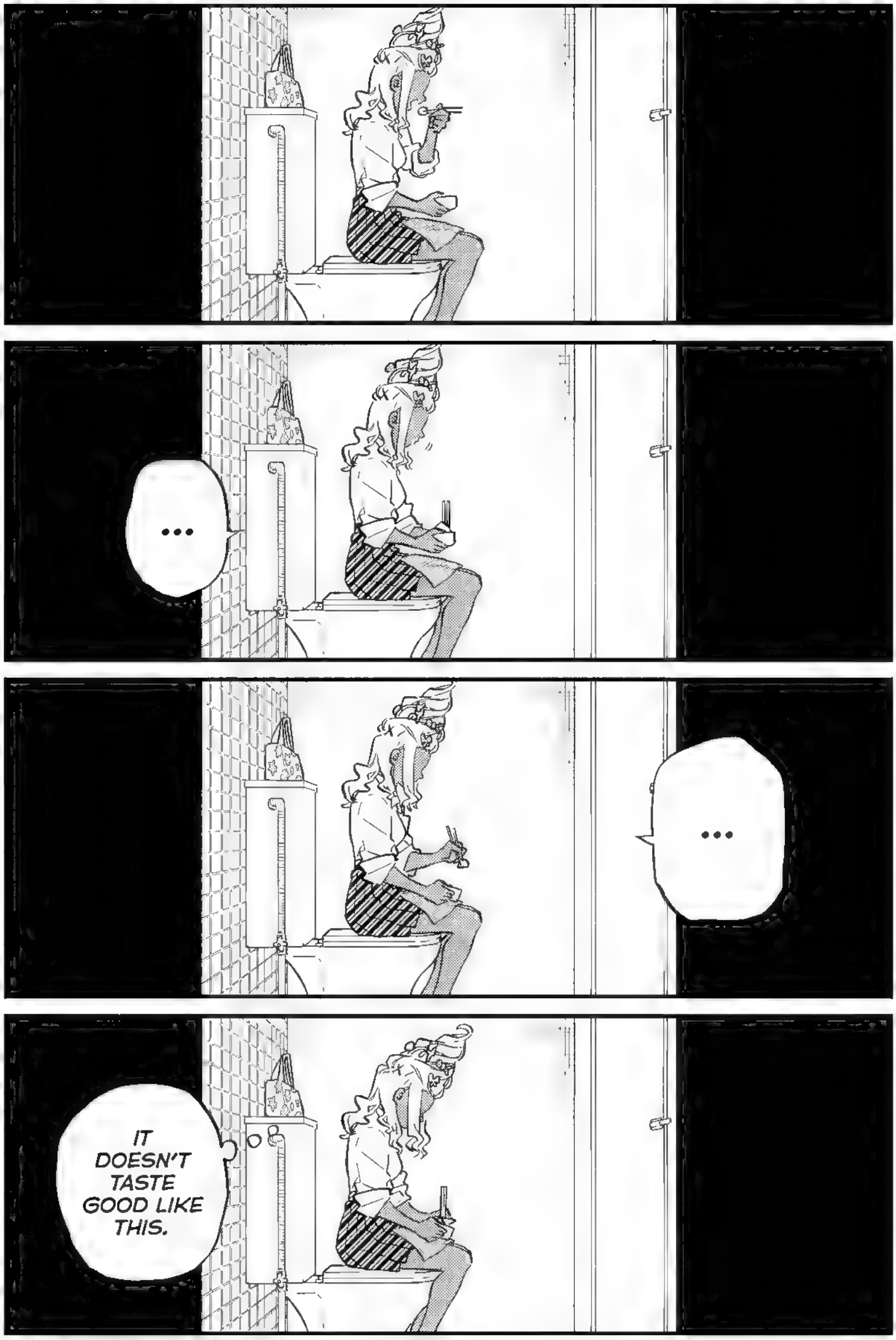

BUT I'M NOT SLEEPY AT ALL!!
Loner Characteristic #1:
Pretending to sleep during breaks to generate an aura that says, "I'm alone and I do what I want!"

GASP!
AH HA HA
YUKAPOYO! MUTAN! GONZALESSS! LET'S EAT TOGETHER!
Lunch
ER?!
SRSLY?
Yuka-poyo
???
Mutan
Gon-zales
CHATTER
CHATTER
...!
AH HA HA
...
...
Loner Characteristic #2:
Inability to join the group when old friends have made new friends
For realsies?!
...

Ah ha ha!

Let's eat together, teacher!!
...

Loner Characteristic #3:
Holing up in a bathroom stall as a safe space
FWUp


...
...
IT DOESN'T TASTE GOOD LIKE THIS.

IF THIS KEEPS UP...

Fifth period

Anyway, this formula...

...AND ALONE WHEN I GRAD-UATE!

...I'LL BE ALONE ALL YEAR...

E=goes like this! Got it?

Loner Characteristic #4:

An overactive negative imagination

Inverse Panda!

I'LL SPEND 40 YEARS IN A TINY SUBURBAN APARTMENT WITH NO BATH OR TOILET! PEOPLE WILL CALL ME AN INVERSE PANDA FACE! AND I'LL DIE ALONE!

MANBAGI ?!

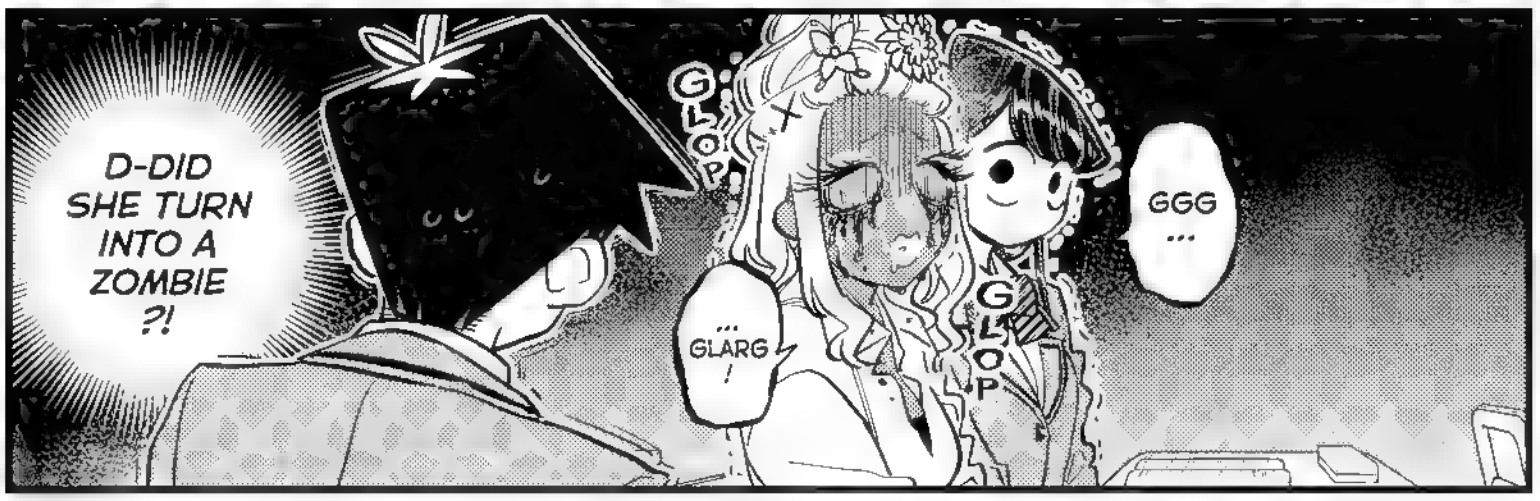
GLOP

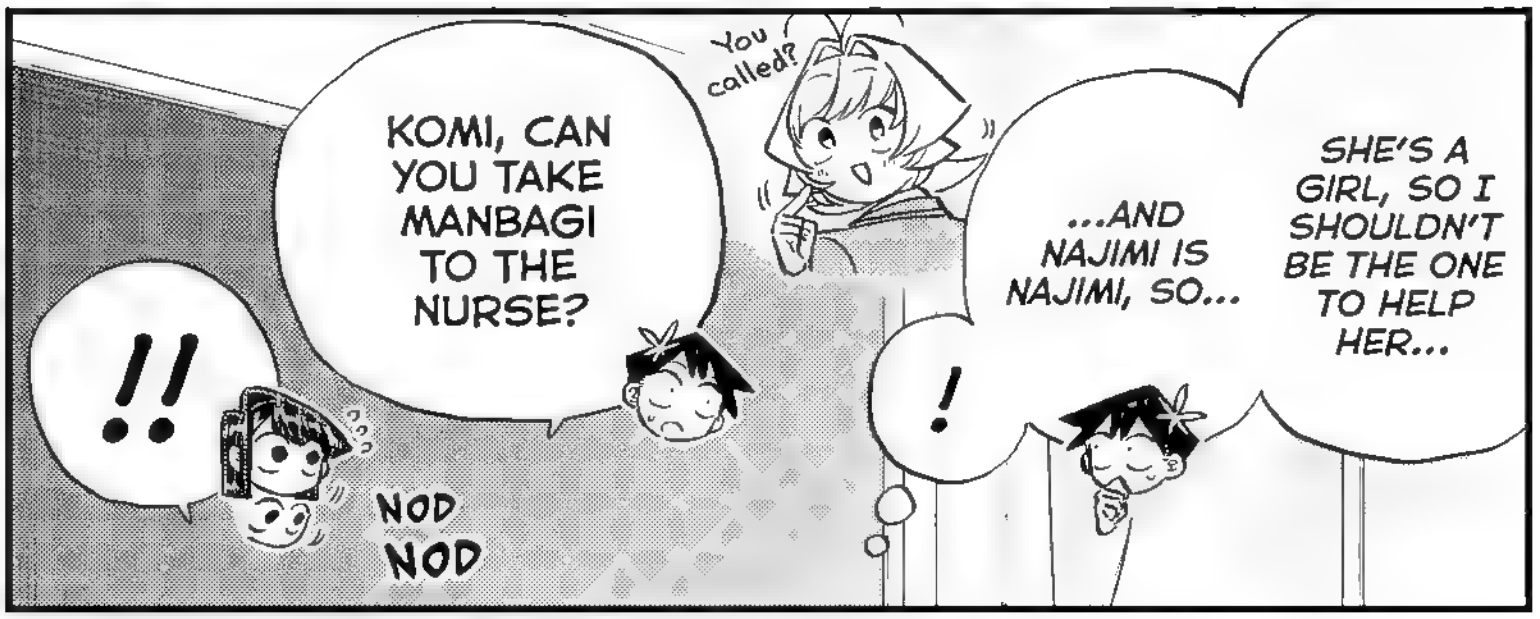
GLOP

IRRR

!
RMM
Got forced into it again this year
CLASS OFFICER!
CLASS OFFICER !!
Teach
W- WHAT'S WRONG?! Y-YOU ARE MANBAGI, RIGHT?!
DO YOU FEEL SICK?!

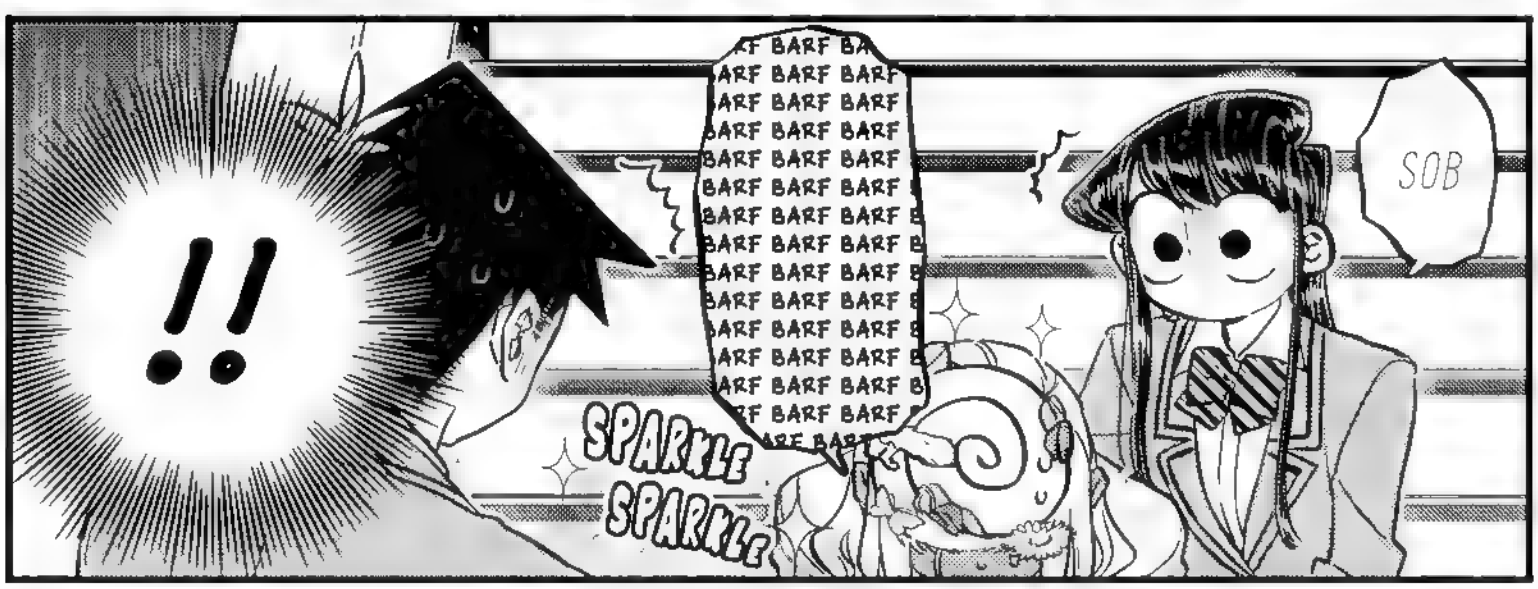
...DO YOU WANT TO GO SEE THE NURSE?
UM...


D-DID SHE TURN INTO A ZOMBIE ?!
GLOP
...GLARG!
GLOP
GGG...


KOMI, CAN YOU TAKE MANBAGI TO THE NURSE?
You called?
!!
NOD NOD
...AND NAJIMI IS NAJIMI, SO...
SHE'S A GIRL, SO I SHOULDN'T BE THE ONE TO HELP HER...
!

JUST WATCH YOUR STEP.
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
S
Sorry

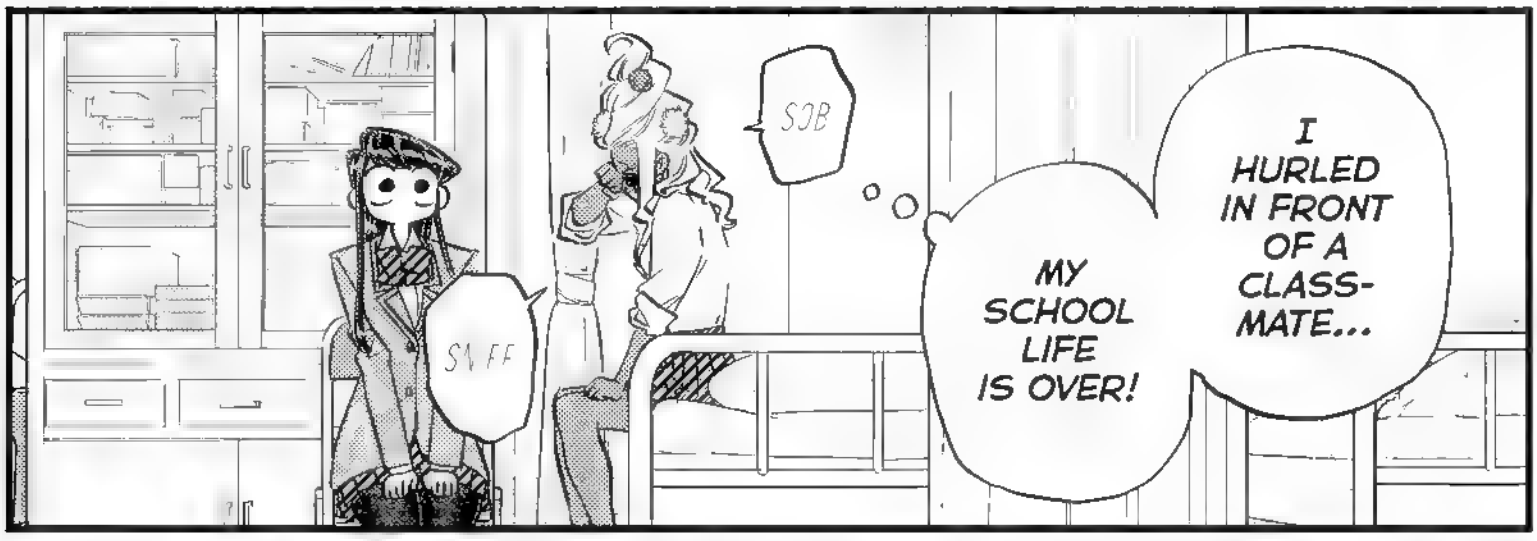
STRESS
STRESS
THEY'LL THINK I'M AN EMO FREAK!
THIS IS AWFUL!
OH NO! I SUDDENLY STARTED BAWLING IN CLASS!


!!
BARF BARF BARF
SPARKLE SPARKLE
SOB

...IS OVER!
SPARKLE SPARKLE
M-MY LIFE...
LEAVE ME WITH MY SPARKLE...
SPARKLE SPARKLE
THAT'S ENOUGH... GO ON WITHOUT ME...

!!
I'LL CLEAN THIS UP.
KOMI, YOU TWO CAN KEEP GOING.
I'LL TRY NOT TO!
SORRY!
Don't look at it
No
N
SPARKLE SPARKLE

NURSE
OH DEAR. YOU SHOULD CHANGE CLOTHES.


SOB
SNIFF
I HURLED IN FRONT OF A CLASS-MATE...
MY SCHOOL LIFE IS OVER!

PAT

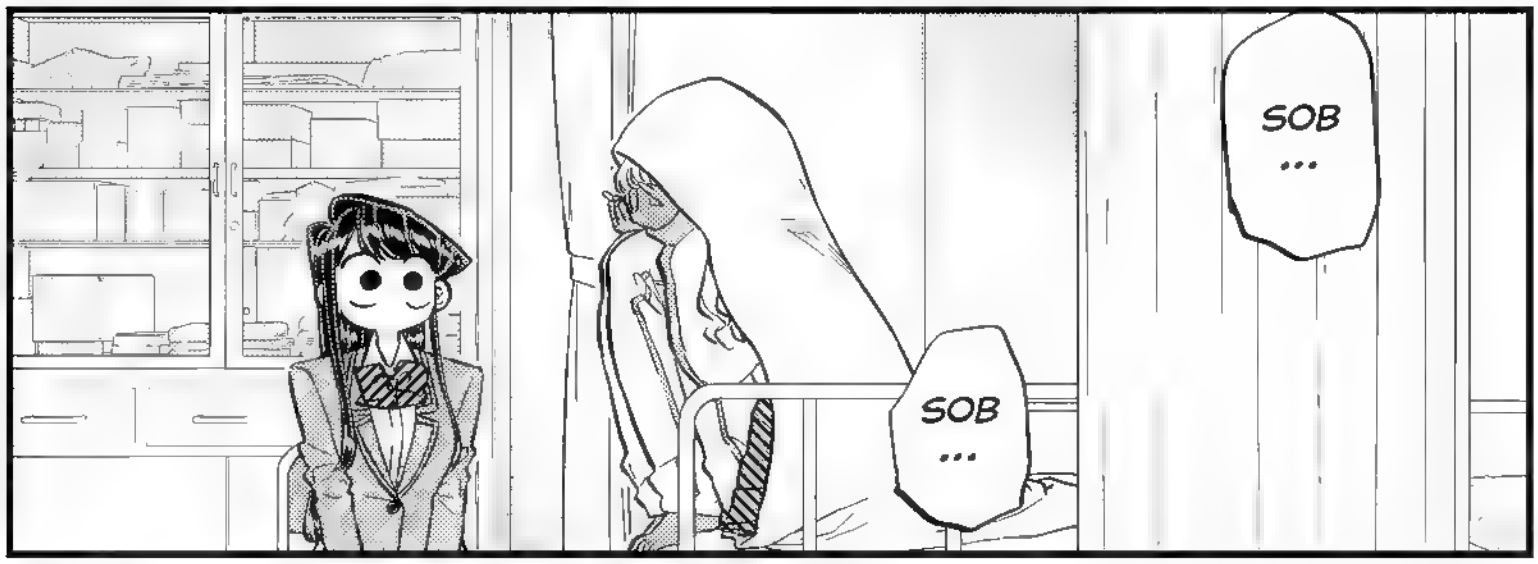
I'LL GET MAKEUP (AND SPARKLE) ON IT!

THAT'S YOUR HANDKER-CHIEF!

NO ... ... STOP!

SORRY ...

...AND THANKS.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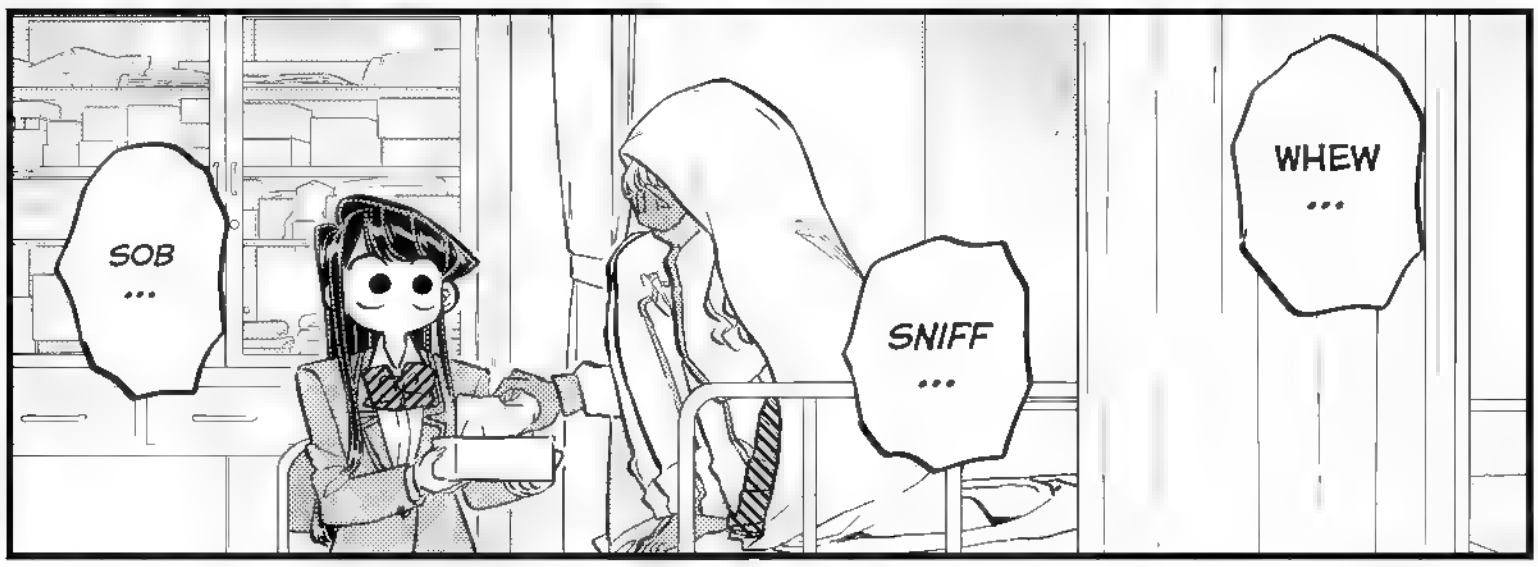
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WHEW
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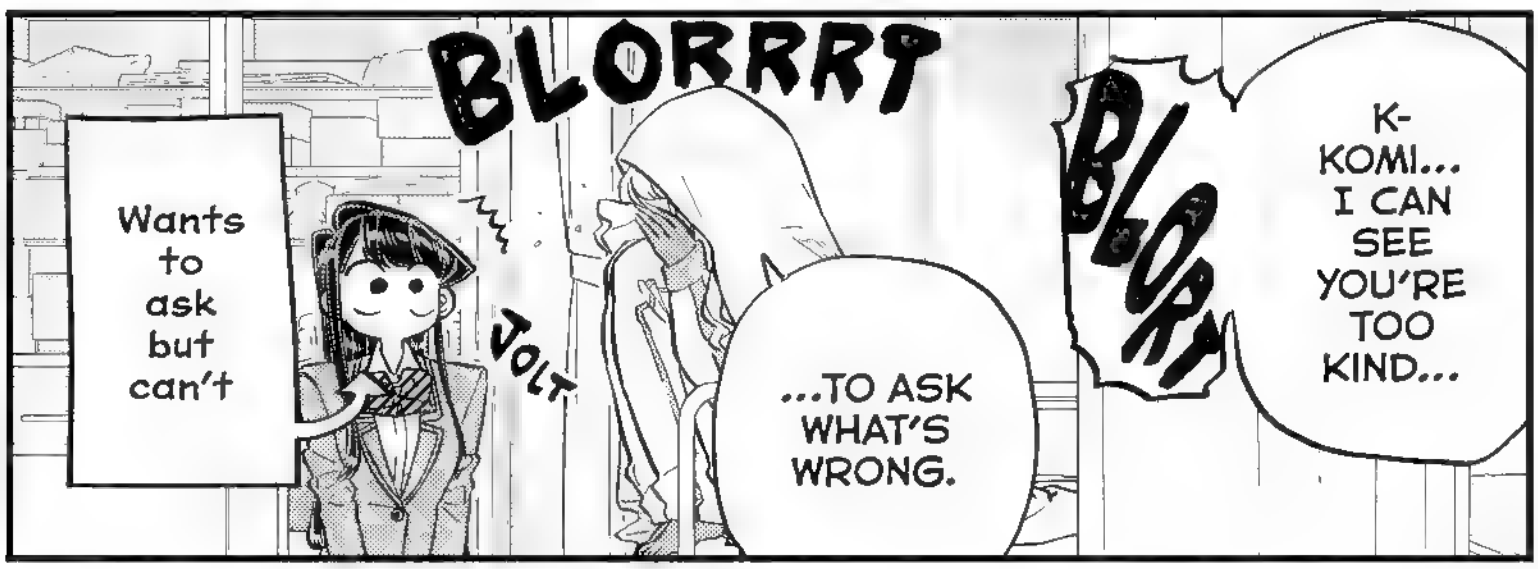

BLORRRT
Wants to ask but can't
JOLT
...TO ASK WHAT'S WRONG.
BLORT
K-KOMI... I CAN SEE YOU'RE TOO KIND...

YOU MIGHT THINK THIS IS STUPID, BUT...

...I'M S-SCARED ...

...ABOUT LEAVING MY OLD FRIENDS, AND I DON'T KNOW HOW TO MAKE NEW ONES.

I KEEP IMAGINING ...

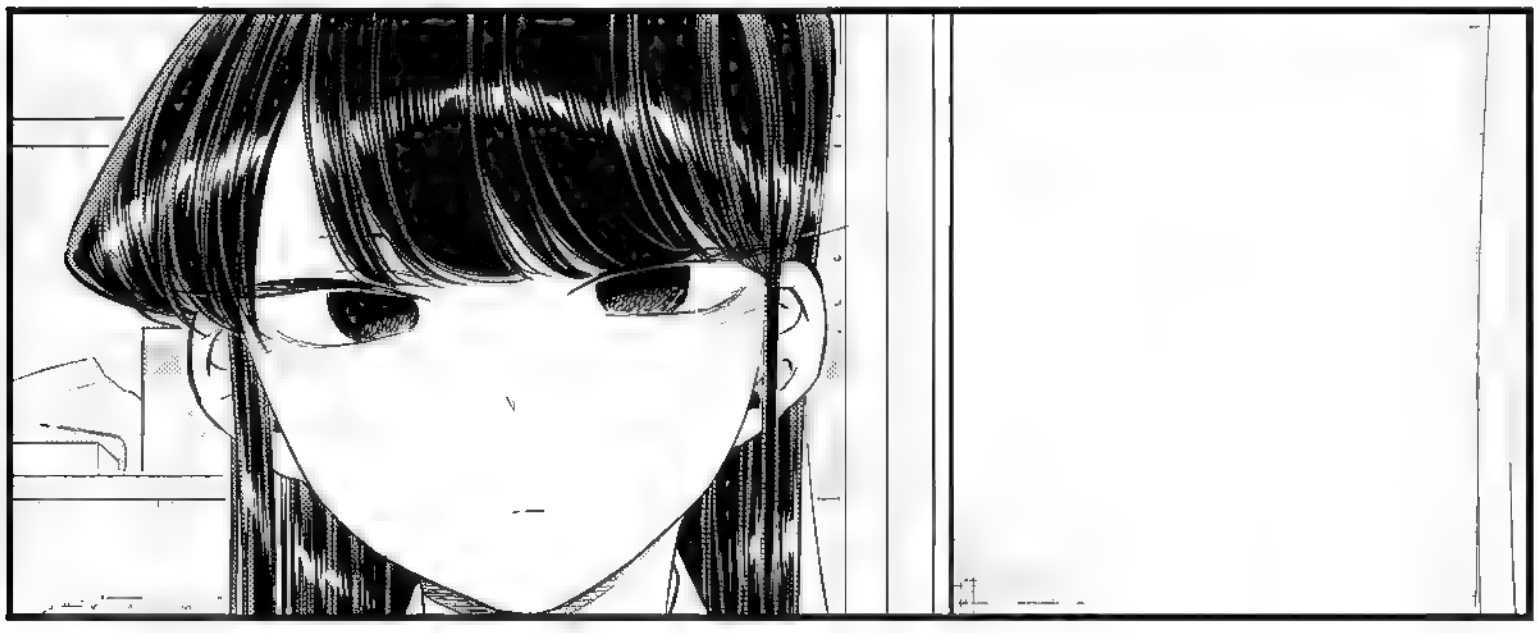
...THAT I'LL BE ALONE FOREVER!

How can I start a conversation? Then what happens?

...AND I DON'T WANT TO KEEP MY DISTANCE!

I'M NOT REALLY SLEEPY...

WHAT I REALLY WANT...
...IS TO EAT LUNCH WITH SOME-ONE.



Me too.

!

"And I'm still like that a little."

And I'm still like that a little

?

I was the same way one year ago.

"...and introduced me to other people."

"But someone became my friend..."

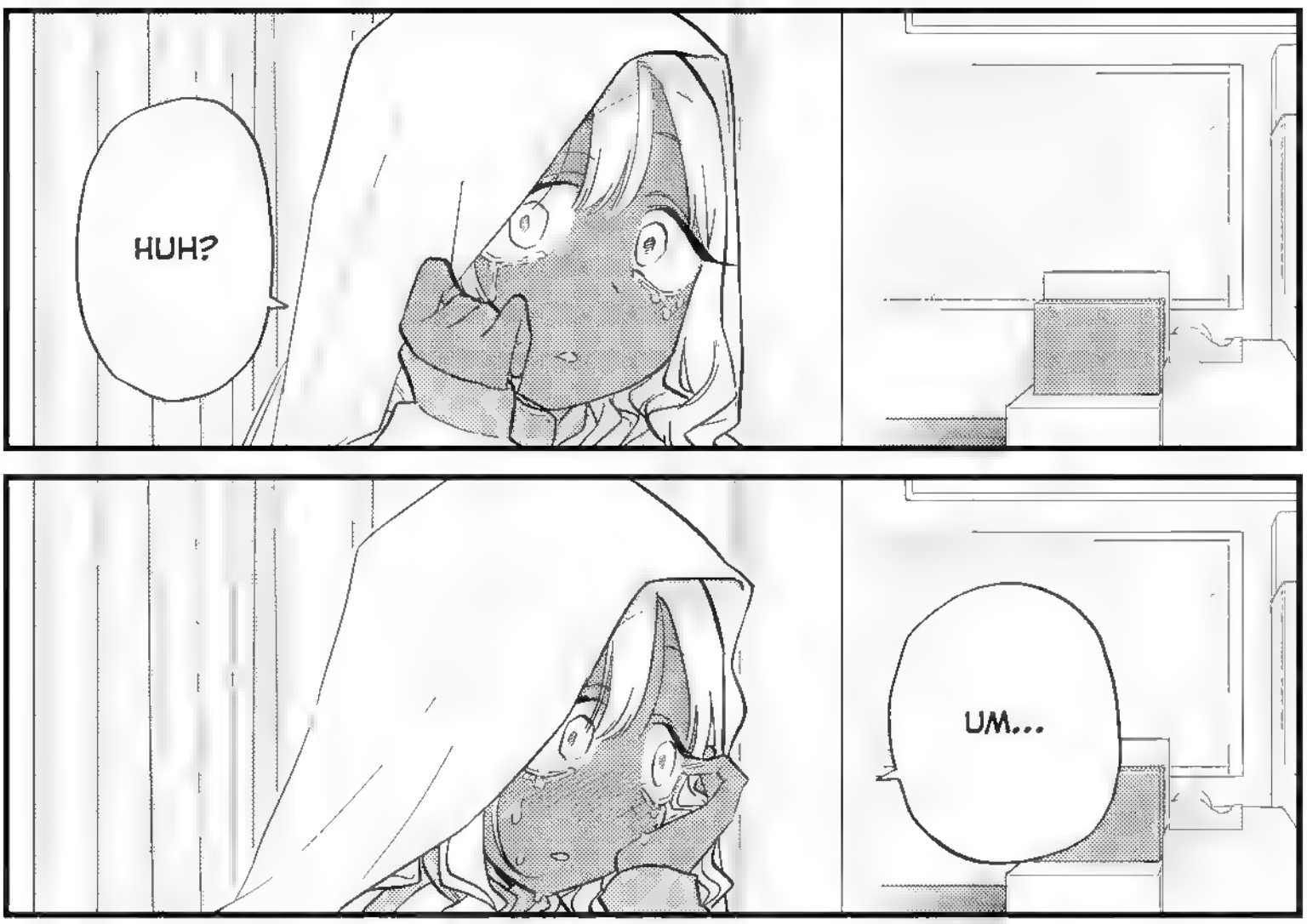
I'd like to be someone who does that for others.

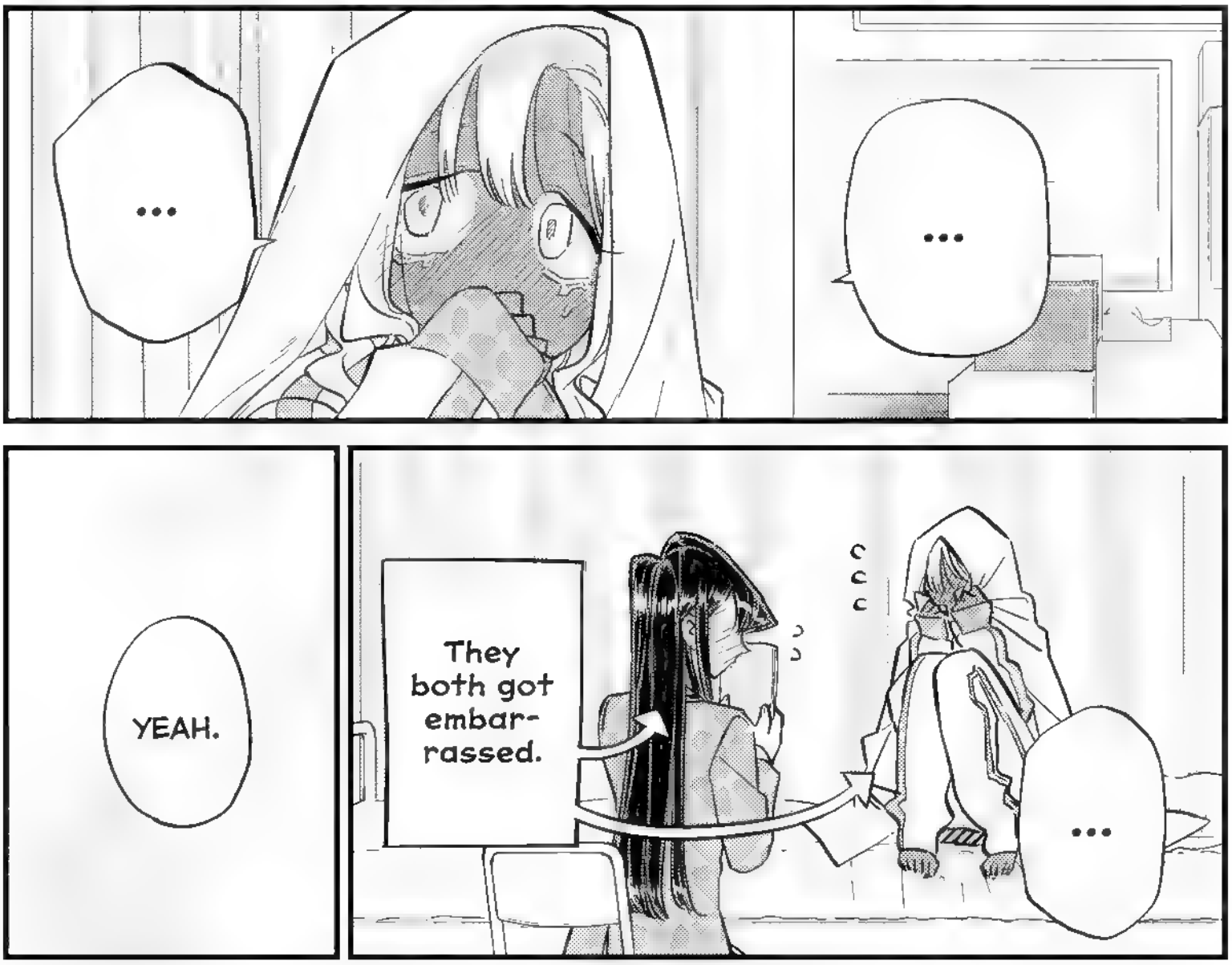
So may I

SO MAY I...

So may I be your first friend?

...BE YOUR FIRST FRIEND?


HUH?
UM...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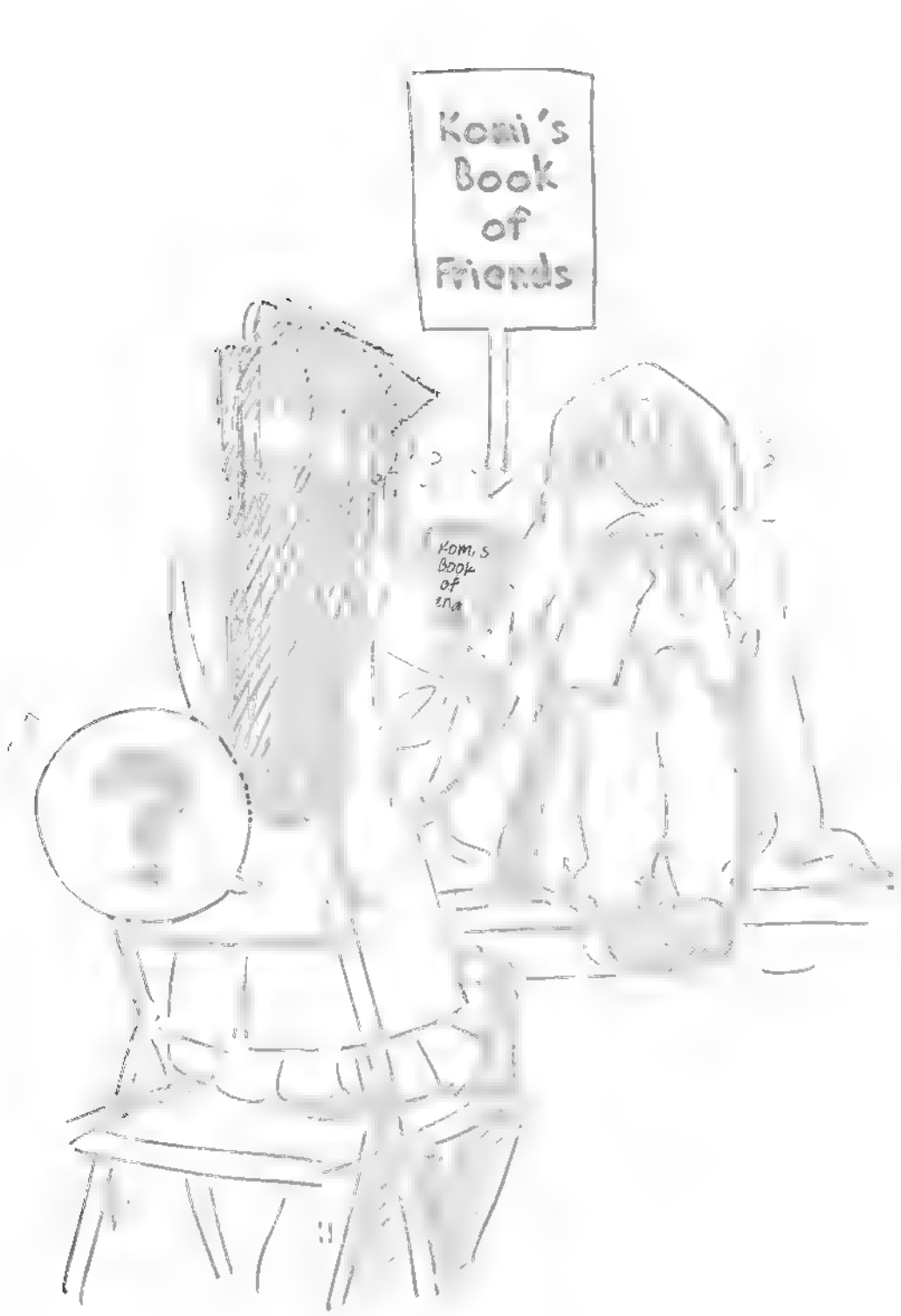
YEAH.
They both got embar-rassed.
...

Communication 132 — The End


Komi's
Book
of
Friends
Komi's
Book
of
Ena

Komi Can't Communicate

HMPH HMPH

OH, WOW! YOU LOOK GREAT IN THAT UNI-FORM!

!

I SHOULD GO TO THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY!

HM? WAIT.

TAP TAP

I CAN'T BELIEVE SHOSUKE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW!

SHOSUKE ?

KACHAK

SHOSUKE ?!

CHAK

This is Shosuke Komi (age 15).

He's handsome and intelligent, but...

FLOP

POINK

Can you give me directions?

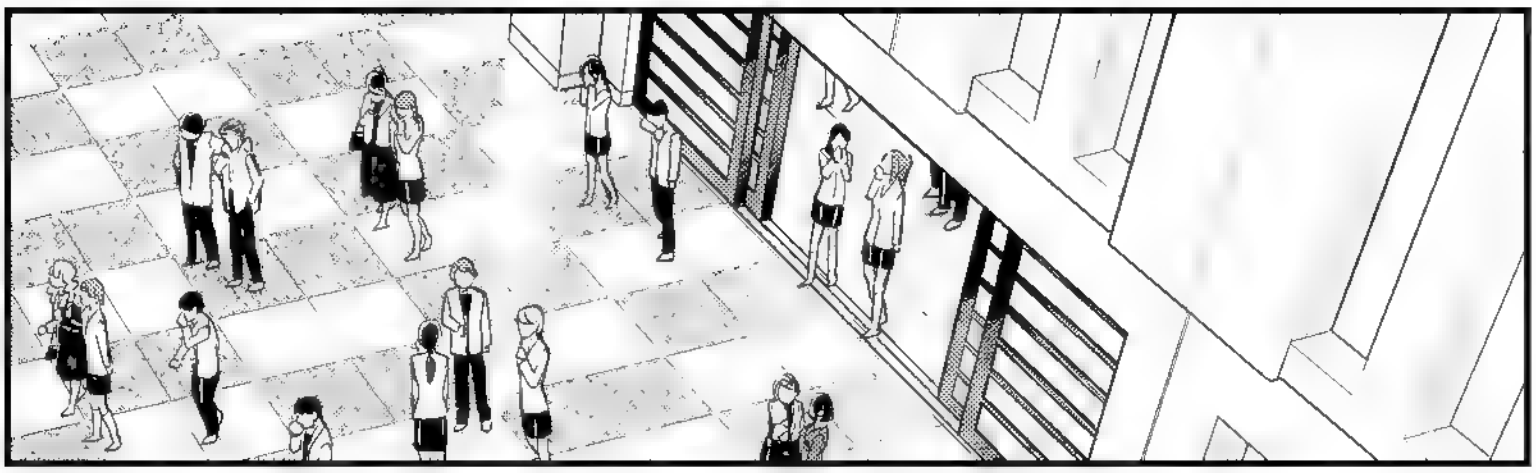
SWOOSH

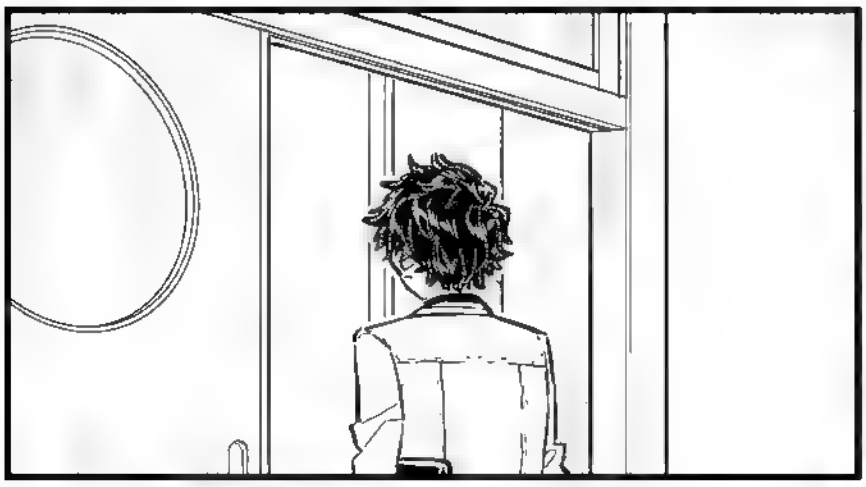
Hm? He's gone...

That way, eh? Thank—

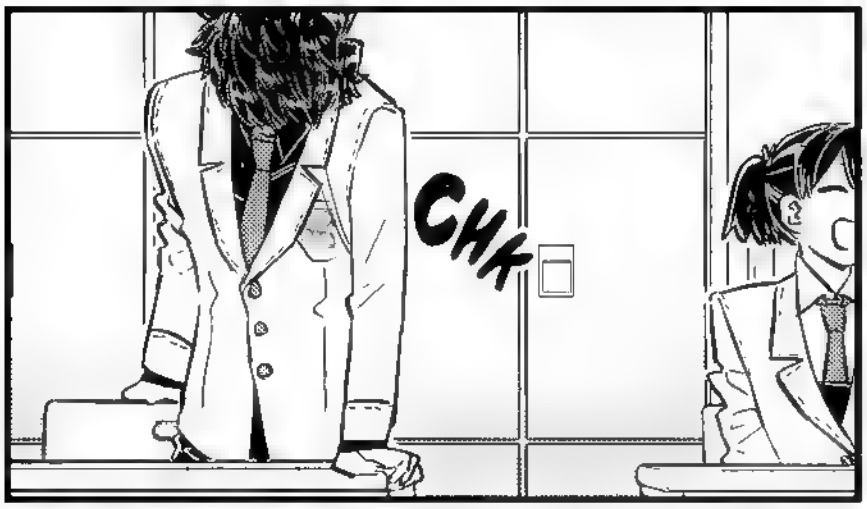
Shosuke doesn't need to communicate.
...he doesn't need to commu-nicate.
Komi Can't Communicate
Communication 133: Shosuke

...SO LET'S HEAR FROM A FIRST-YEAR STUDENT!
UM, THAT'S ENOUGH FROM THE PRINCIPAL...
NOW YOU TOO WILL LEAVE A PAGE IN TH ANNALS OF KISAI HIGH SCHOOL ISTORY, S O FORTH IN THE ING DAYS D YEARS
Entrance ceremony
THE FIRST-YEAR REPRESEN-TATIVE IS SHOSUKE KOMI!
UM... SHOSUKE KOMI?
...
Did he skip?
CHATTER
CHATTER
Is he absent?
Who?
...
CHATTER
HM?
Thinks it's a hassle
HE'S DOING IT AGAIN!
SHOSUKE KOMI?
CHATTER





His address was so moving!
SOB!


CHK

HEY...
...GOOD MORNING!

...
AH HA HA!
CRYING AT A SCHOOL CEREMONY! CRAZY, HUH?
YOUR SPEECH WAS SUPER! I EVEN SHED A TEAR!
... RIGHT?
YOU'RE SHOSUKE KOMI...

...
NICE TO MEET YOU.
I'M *HITOMI TADANO.*

...
...

?!
I SAID I'M HITOMI TADANO! NICE TO MEET YA!!

...

...

...

...

?!

CUZ THERE'S NO ONE IN THIS STORY THAT I DON'T KNOW.

SIT BACK, RELAX, ENJOY THE SHOW!

Rapping her self-introduction

YO, MY NAME IS HITOMI TADANO!

AND I'VE GOT A SICK FLOW!

HMM ...

I'M NOT GETTING THROUGH !!

?!

She moved to the next question as if nothing happened.

SO WHAT FOOD DO YOU LIKE?

BWA

...

GOT ANY SIB-LINGS?

WHAT'RE YOU INTO THESE DAYS?

WHAT CELEBS DO YOU LIKE?

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

AAAAA

WHAT'RE YOUR HOB-BIES?

WHAT CLUBS WERE YOU IN?

ARE YOU TAKING EXTRA CLASSES?

WHERE'D YOU GO TO JUNIOR HIGH?

HOW ABOUT ELE-MENTARY SCHOOL?

WHAT'S YOUR BLOOD TYPE?

HMM...

...

...A COMMU-NICATION DISORDER!!

Shosuke Komi can't communicate!!

DADUMMMMM

THIS GUY MUST HAVE ...

?!

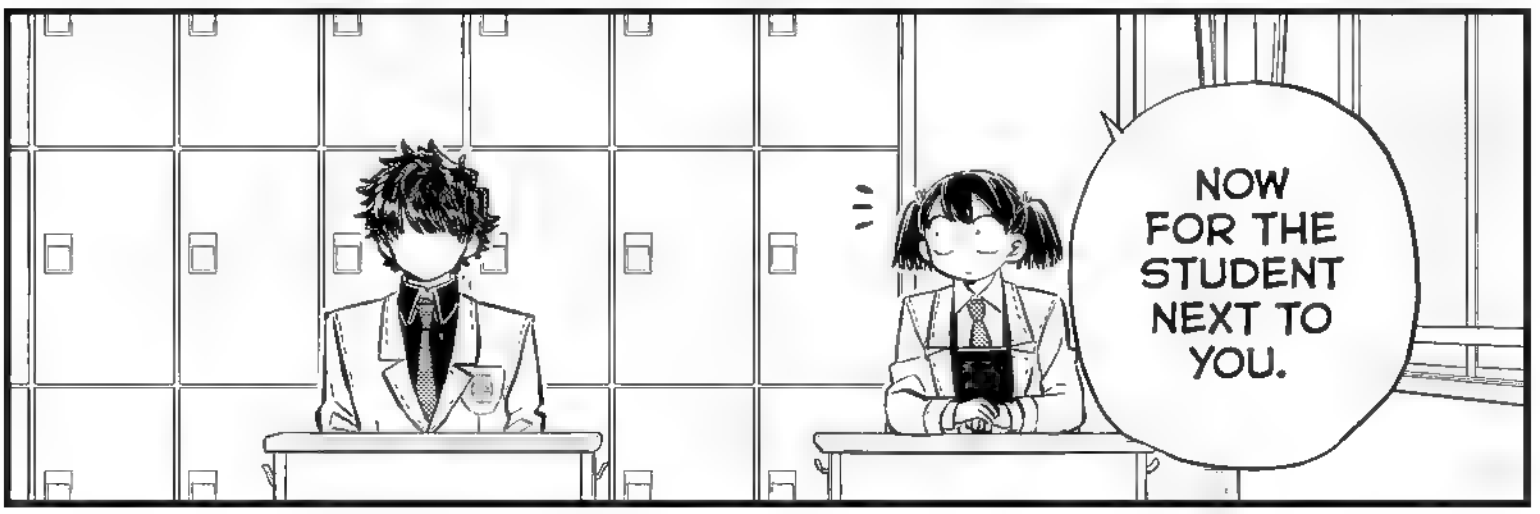
SWIP

FWAP

NO PROBLEM!! I'LL HELP HIM FIT INTO CLASS!!

INTRODUCTIONS
OKAY, INTRODUCE YOUR-SELVES.
I'M NOT GOOD AT STUDYING OR SPORTS, BUT I HOPE WE CAN GET ALONG!
PWAAAAAH
I'M HITOMI TADANO!

"I thought she was energetic and nice." Student S (15)
"She's the friendly type." Student T (15)
"I think I'm in love." Anonymous
THANK YOU, VERY GOOD.
YAAAAAY
CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP CL
IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU!


NOW FOR THE STUDENT NEXT TO YOU.

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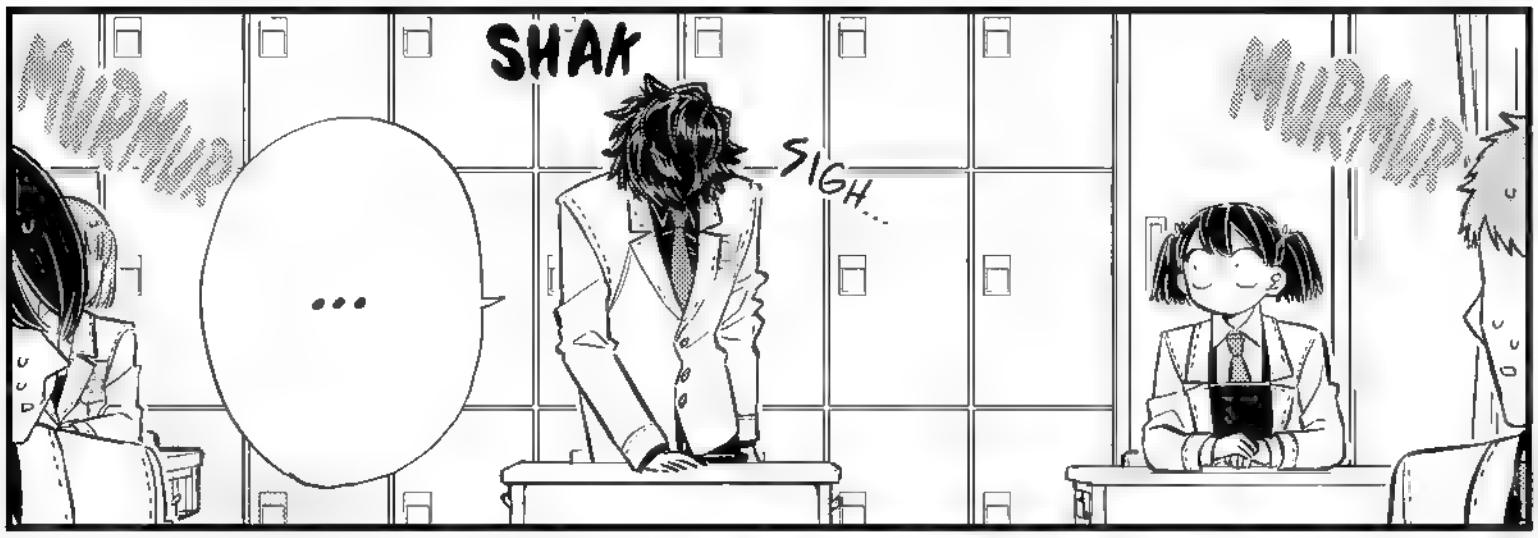
...


MURMUR
SHAK
SIGH...
...
MURMUR

"He's good-looking and has excellent communication skills. He's perfect."
Student M (15)
"I'm gonna be his follower."
Student V (16)
"The rhythm of his speech is sublime. He's an advanced communicator."
Teacher (29, single)
?!
Ventril-oquism
"I'M SHOSUKE KOMI AND I WANNA BE BUDS! NICE TO MEET YA!!"
Eee!

NO, WAIT!! IT'S TOO SOON!!

...IF HE WANTS TO EAT LUNCH TOGETHER !!

I'M GONNA ASK...

Lunch

N-NO?

BABMP BABMP

W-WANNA, UM...

BABMP

BABMP

H-HEY, KOMI?

HE'S SO... RADI-ANT!

BABUMP

GLEAM GLEAM

...

...NEVER MIND! ♥

ERM

ERM

NO, UH...

The class tough guy

CRIK

CRAK

HEH HEH... LEAVE THIS TA ME!

I THOUGHT HE WAS TOUGH!!

W- WANNA, UM...

N- NO?

BASHFUL

H-HEY, KOMI?

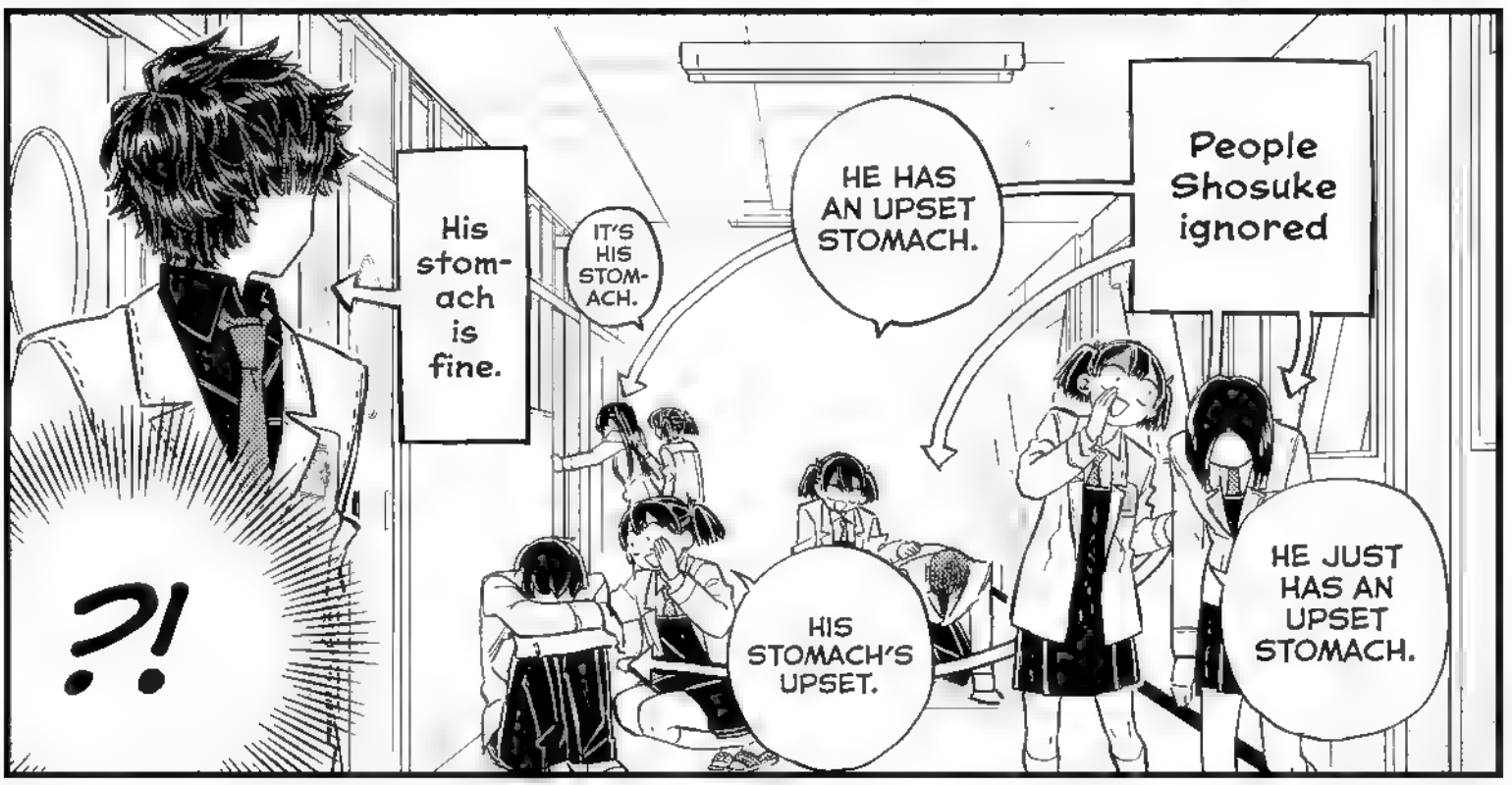
SWOOSH

ISN'T HE SUPPOSED TO BE TOUGH ?!

THUD

IT'S ALL RIGHT.
!
SWIP

OH, REALLY ?!
PHEW
That's all!!
KOMI JUST HAS AN UPSET STOMACH!


?!
His stomach is fine.
IT'S HIS STOMACH.
HE HAS AN UPSET STOMACH.
People Shosuke ignored
HIS STOMACH'S UPSET.
HE JUST HAS AN UPSET STOMACH.

?
SMILE

?

Usually when he does this, people run away.

OH, RIGHT! YOU STILL HAVEN'T TOLD ME!

POMF

...
...

WHAT FOOD DO YOU LIKE?

BWAA

AAAAAAAAAAAAH

?!

WHAT'RE YOU INTO THESE DAYS?

WHAT'R YOUR HOBBIES?

WHAT CLUBS WERE YOU IN?

WHAT'S YOUR BLOOD TYPE?

WHERE'D YOU GO TO JUNIOR HIGH?

HOW ABOUT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL?

ARE YOU TAKING ANY EXTRA CLASSES?

WHERE DO YOU LIVE?

WHAT CELEBS DO YOU LIKE?

GOT ANY SIBLINGS?

REALLY? NOTHING?

MACKEREL.

!!

...!

This is Shosuke Komi (age 15).

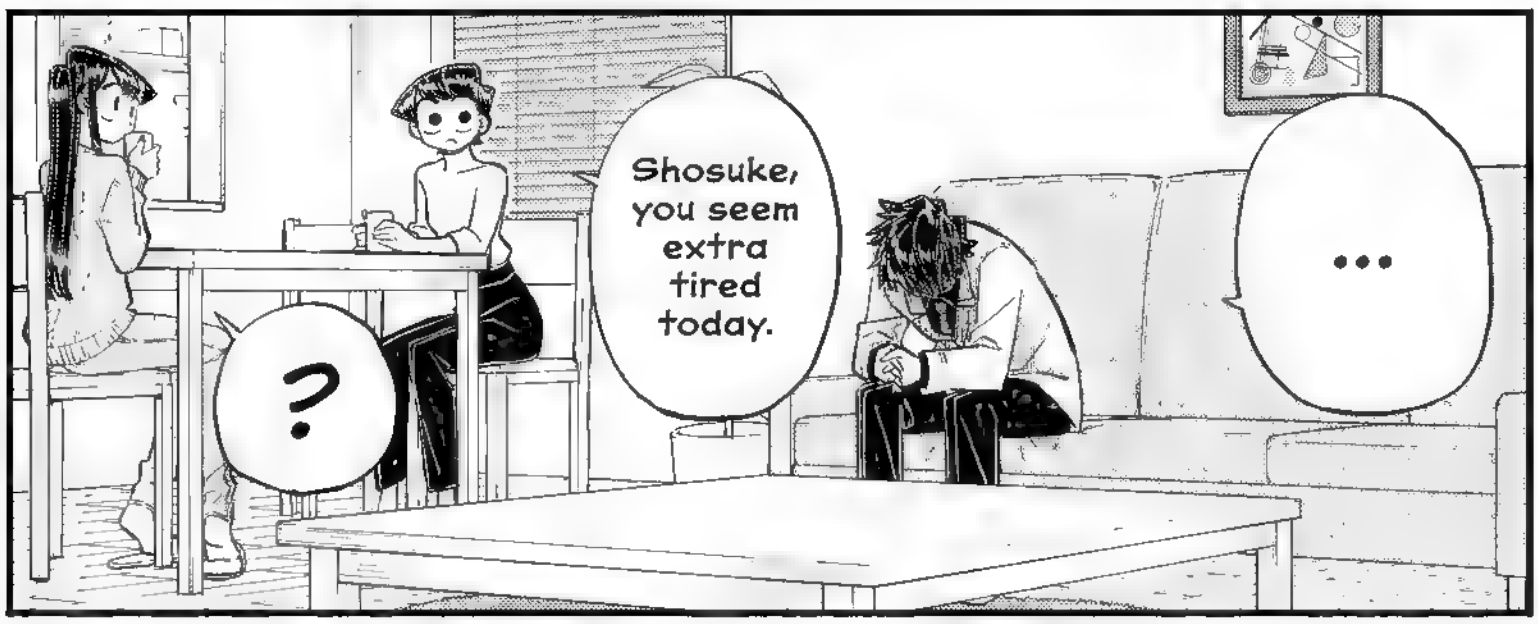
Able to do anything from a young age, he's never needed to communicate.

TMP

But in high school ...

...he met Hitomi Tadano.

Hitomi Tadano isn't ordinary.



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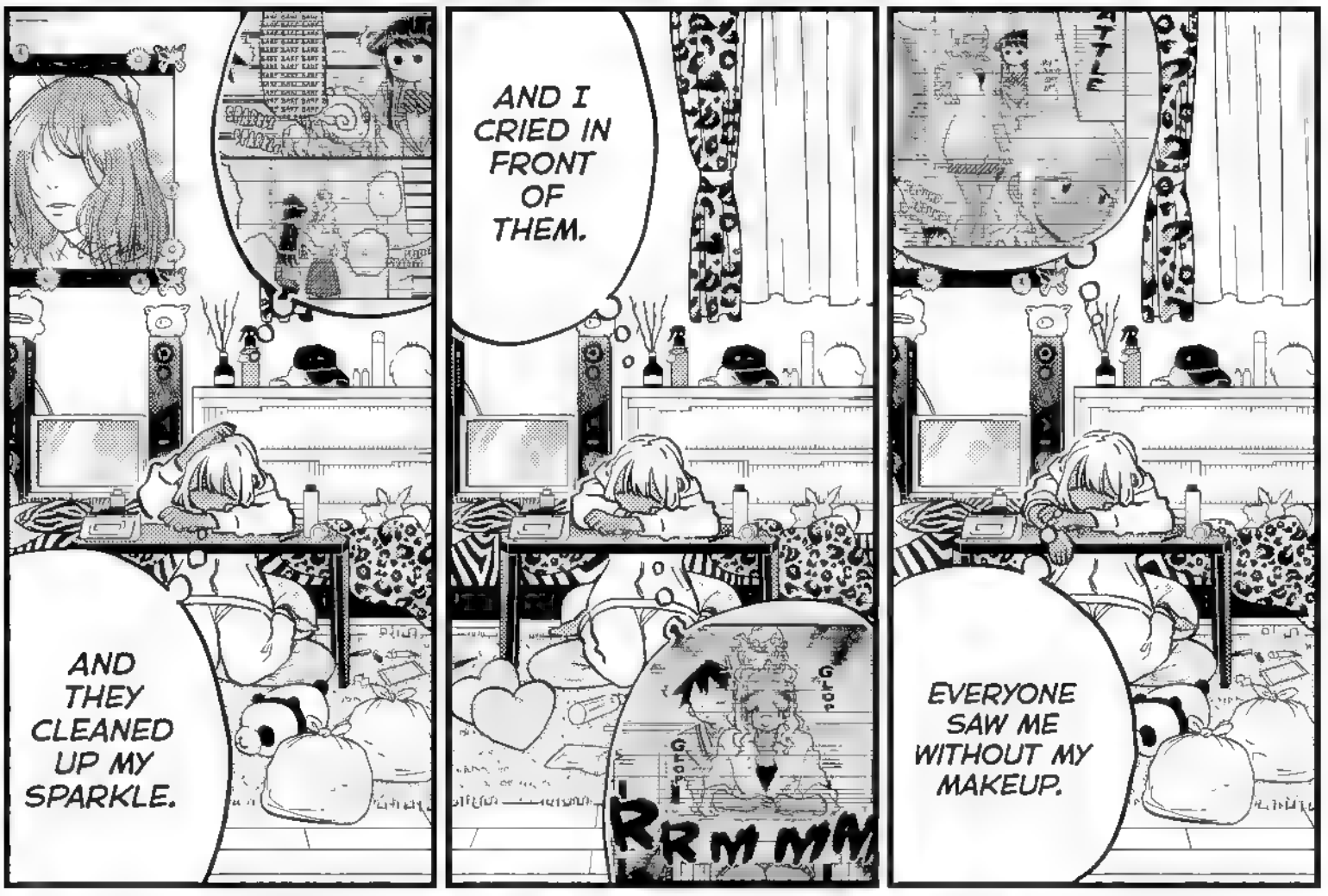
Sometimes she remembers

Komi Can't Communicate

Komi Can't Communicate



Communication 134: Manbagi Again

SLAP SLAP

I gotta get vibatious*!!

*Emit good vibes.

SO I GOTTA GO!

BUT KOMI'S MY FRIEND NOW!

THAT'S KIND OF EMBAR-RASSING ...

HEH HEH...

KOMI'S MY FRIEND, HUH?

I'm dubugly*5!

*5 Double ugly.

BY COMPARI-SON...

...I'M TOTES*4! UGLY.

*4 Empha-sizes following word.

*2 Cute again.

AND SUPER KA-WAII*2!

LIKE, TOTALLY, BABELI-CIOUS*1!

SHE'S LIKE AN ANGEL!

SO CUTE I CAN'T EVEN*3!

*3 She's speech-less.

*1 Cute.

*See page 79.

I CAN'T GO! I'M TOO TRAUMA-FIED!!

...I DIDN'T FEEL SO REMOVED FROM EVERYONE.

WHEN I GOT BACK TO CLASS THAT DAY...

...SO I JUST GOTTA BE CHEER-FUL!

MY MAKEUP IS PER-FECT TODAY...

GOOD MORN-ING!

G...

ARE THEY DELETING ME AGAIN ?!

SHOOSH

Sound of everyone looking away

It's even worse now...

*It's your face.

THEY'RE LIKE, "BUH-BYE, BABE!"

IS IT BECAUSE I CRIED?

SRSLY? THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING ...

Manbagi?

!

...SHE'LL WELCOME ME!

B-BUT KOMI'S MY FRIEND...

...SO I'M SURE...

SRSLY ?!

Manbagi's makeup is so bizarre and over-the-top that Komi doesn't even recognize her.

FWIP

...

...

...

?!

MANBAGI?!

FUMP

MY LIFE IS OVER!

*She finally said "puke."

SHE JUST PRETENDED TO BE MY FRIEND SO I'D STOP!

SHE'S AVOIDING ME BECAUSE I CRIED AND PUKED!

...!

I'LL JUST SIT HERE AND BE SILENT.

FUMP

IT'S ALL RIGHT. DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, KOMI.

...

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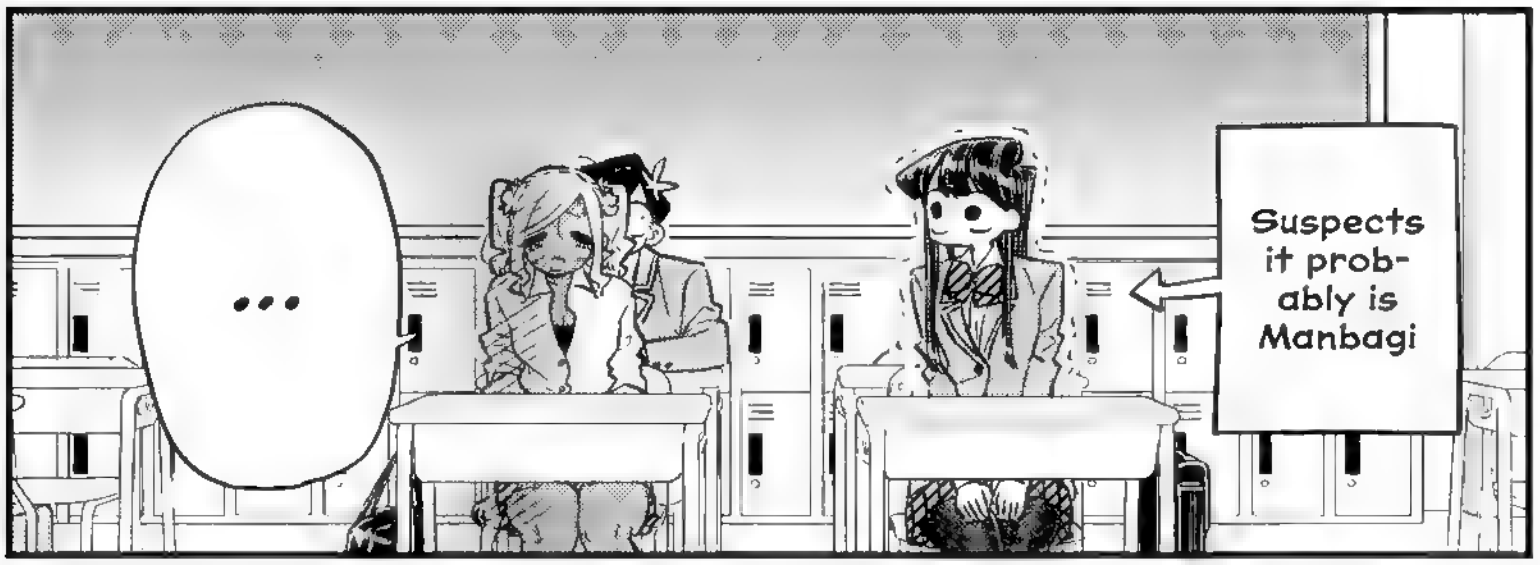
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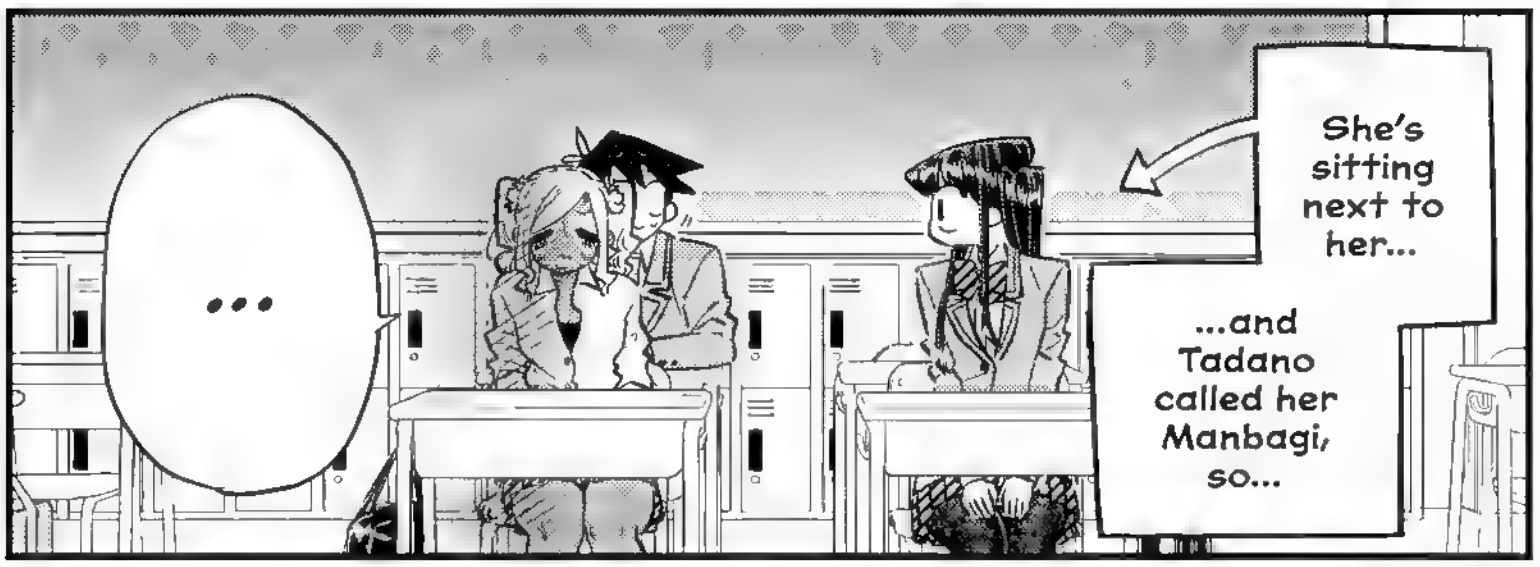
Suspects it probably is Manbagi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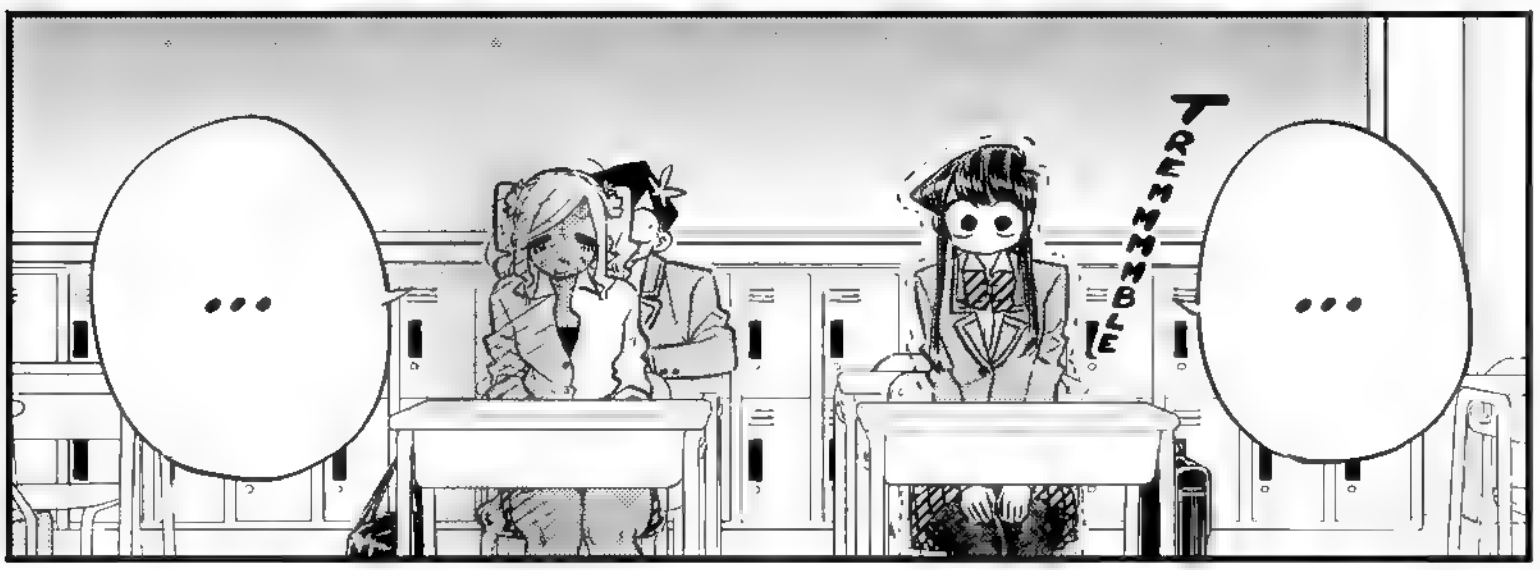
She's sitting next to her...
...and Tadano called her Manbagi, so...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TREMBLE
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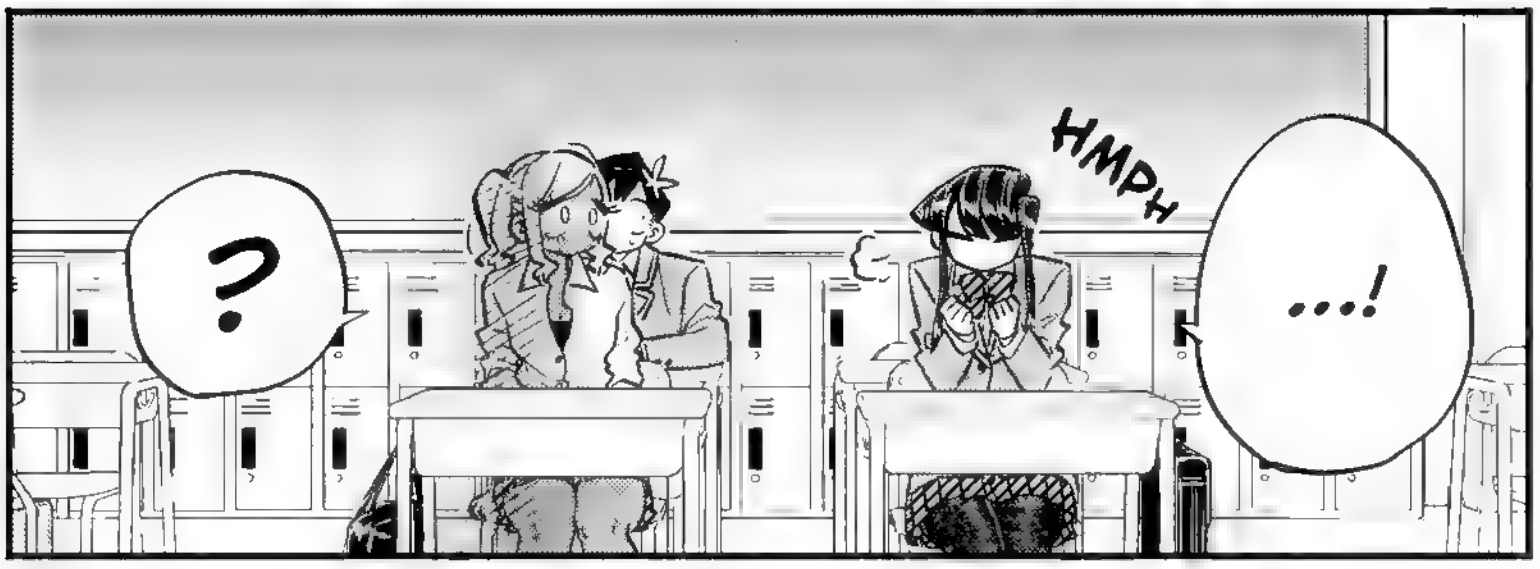
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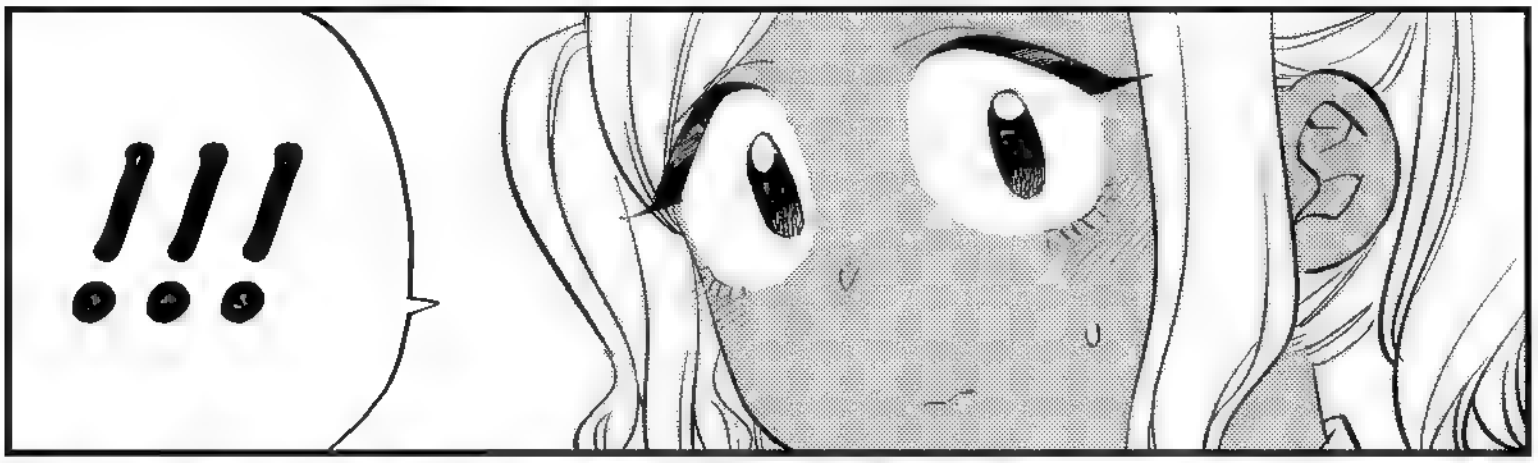
HMPH
...!



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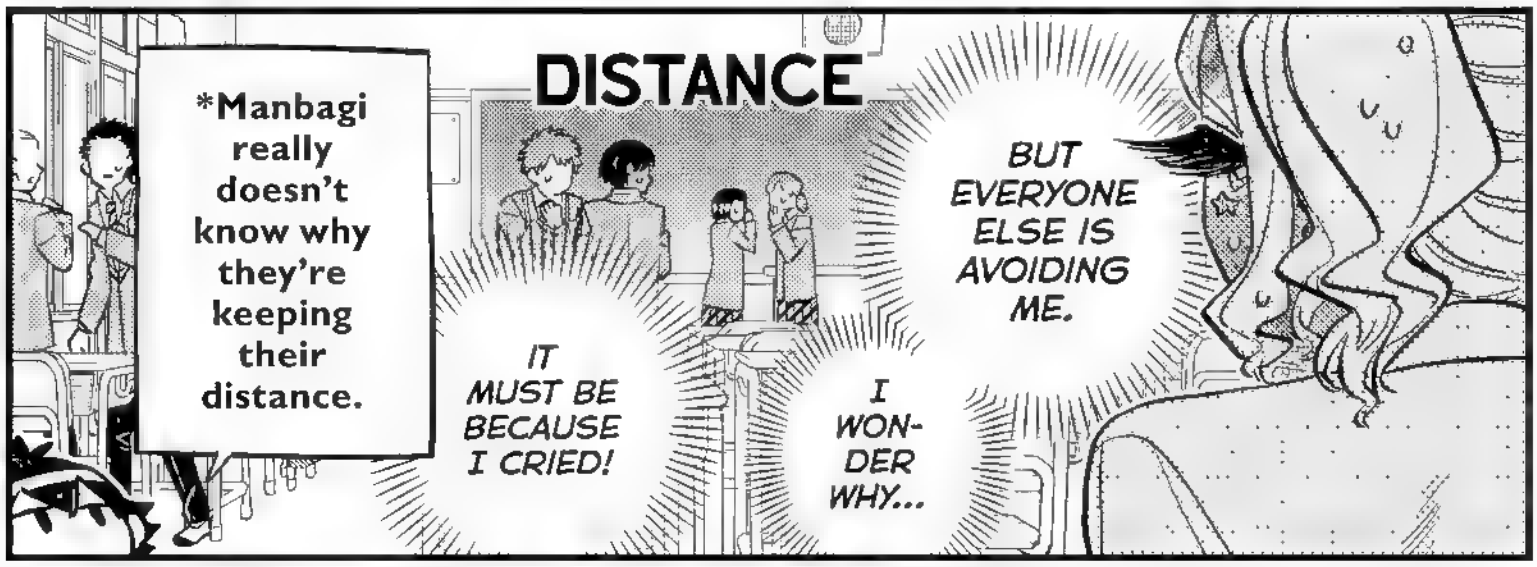
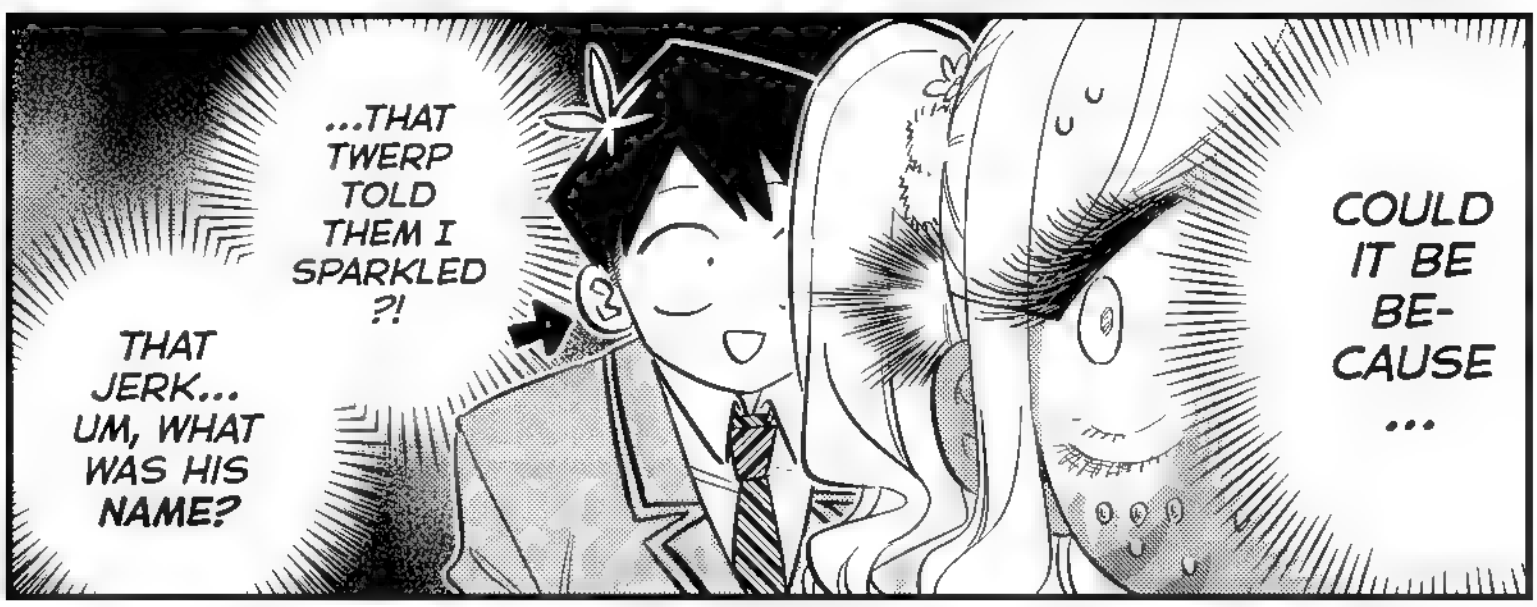

DISTANCE
*Manbagi really doesn't know why they're keeping their distance.
IT MUST BE BECAUSE I CRIED!
I WON-DER WHY...
BUT EVERYONE ELSE IS AVOIDING ME.



Communication 135: Manbagi and Tadano

WHY'S SHE GLARING AT ME?

(T)

ALL MEN ARE **BEASTS** !!

BUT MAYBE HE WANTS SOMETHING IN RETURN!

GLANCE GLANCE

BUT HE CLEANED UP MY SPARKLE, SO...

...HE MUST BE AN OKAY GUY.

!

HEY, UM...

Actually a sweet girl at heart

HIS NAME WAS...AW, NEVER MIND.

WELL, I SHOULD AT LEAST SAY THANKS.

HM? YESTER-DAY?

Actually forgot

...THANKS.

ABOUT YESTER-DAY, UH...

Manbagi gets rough when she's embar-rassed.

OH, RIGHT... *THAT!*

...I DON'T THINK SO!

GW NO...

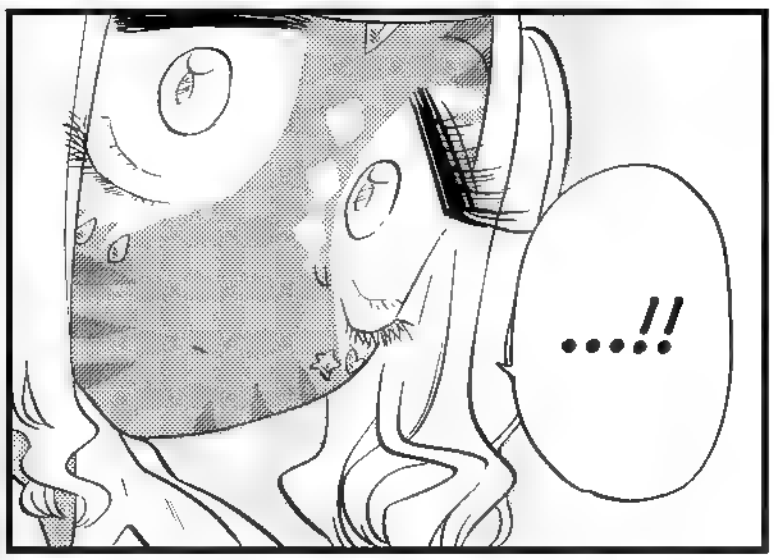
FOR THE SPARKL– IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR THAT?

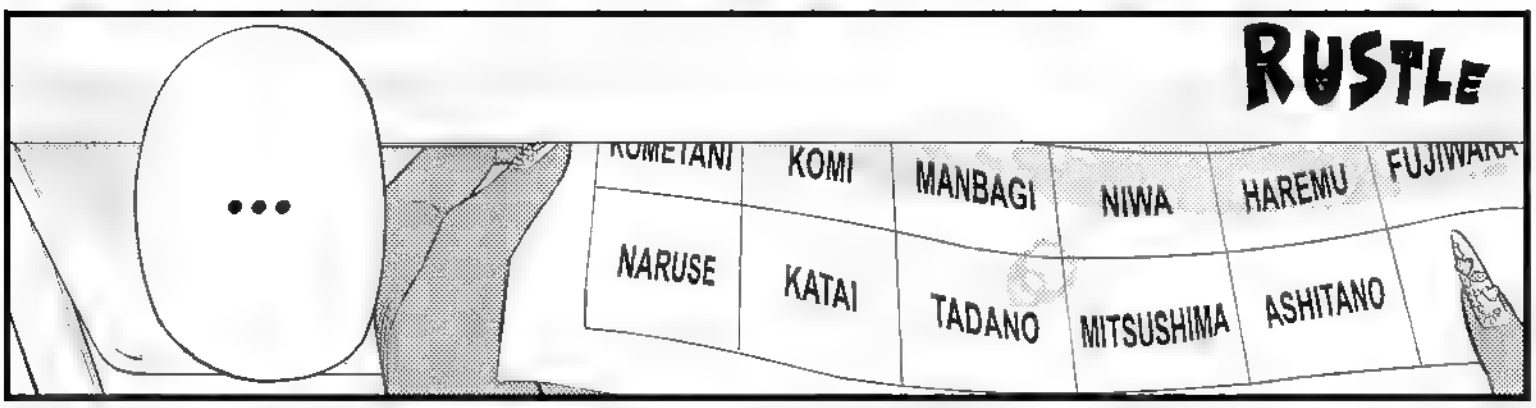
YOU KNOW! FOR *THAT!*

OOOOOSH

EVERYONE FEELS BAD SOME-TIMES!
DON'T MENTION IT!
!

...RIGHT.
WAP
OH, UH...
...!
...





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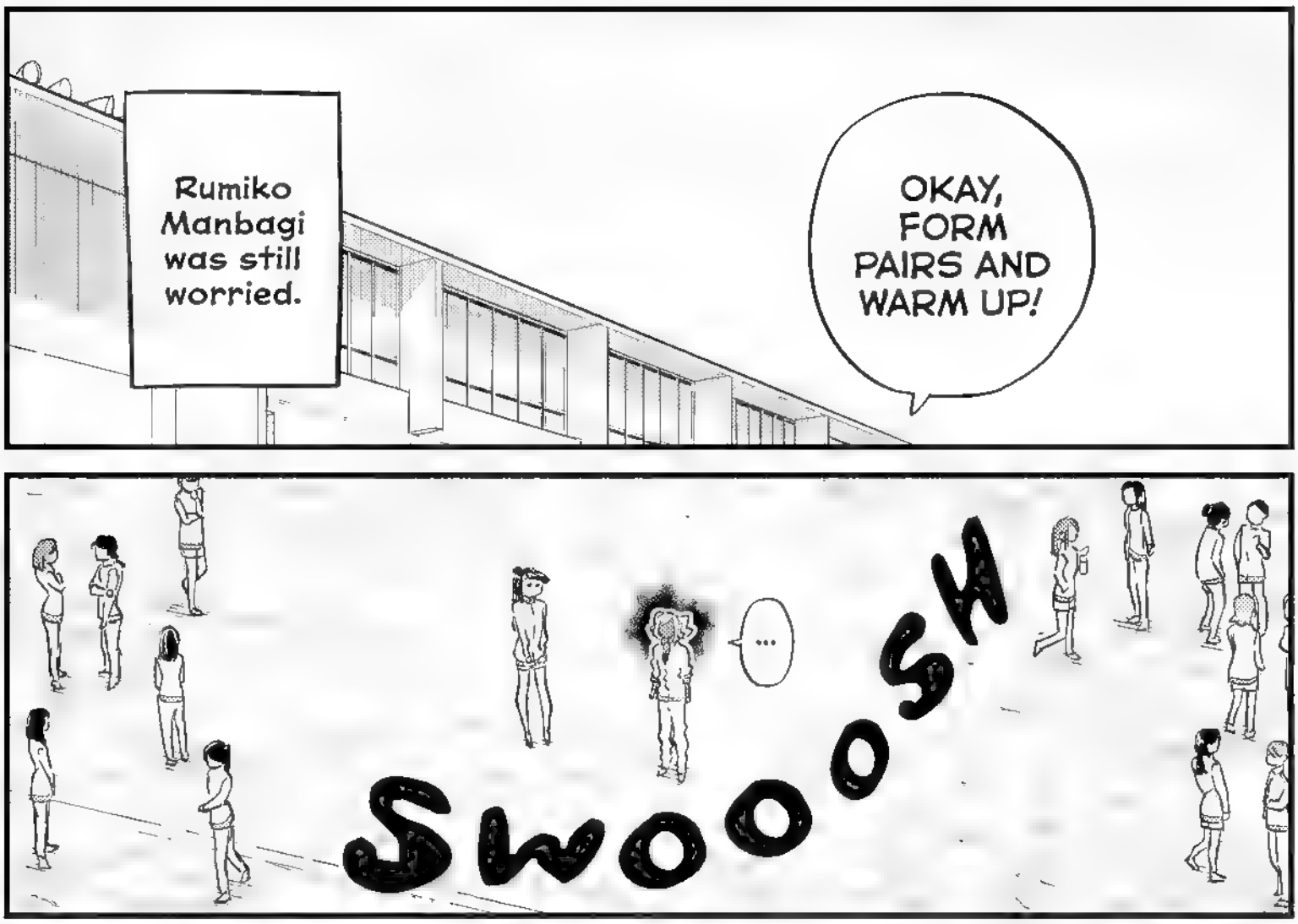
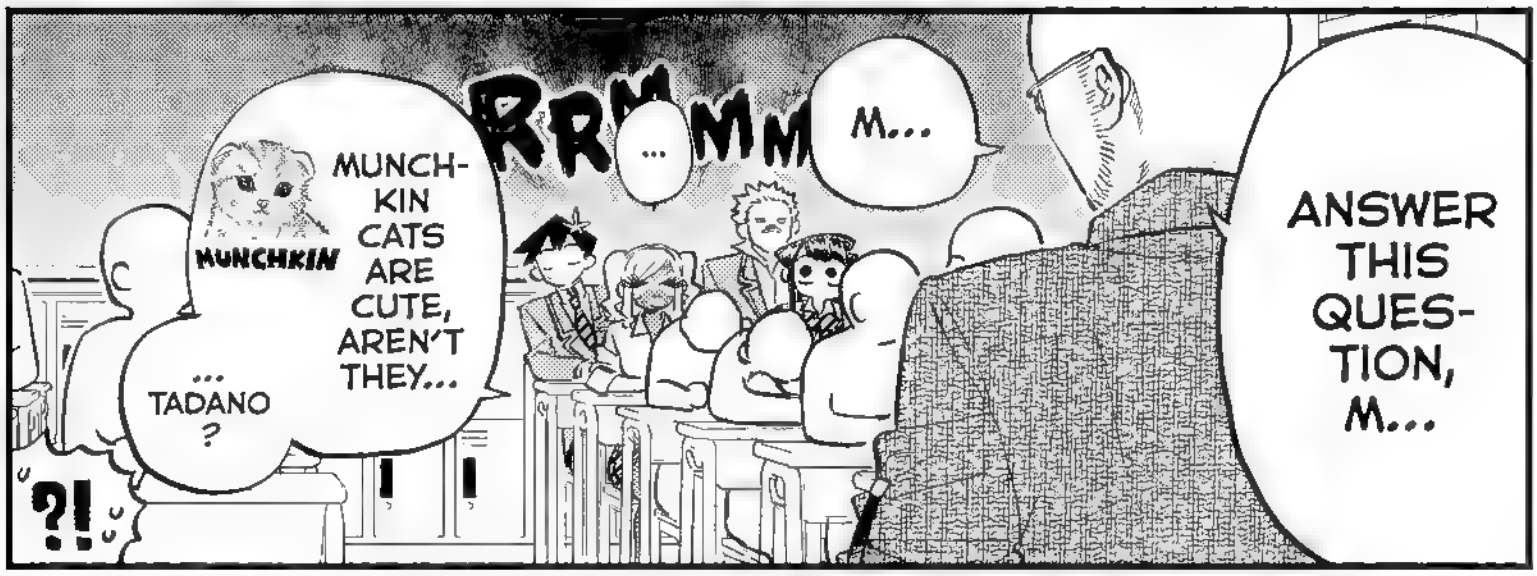
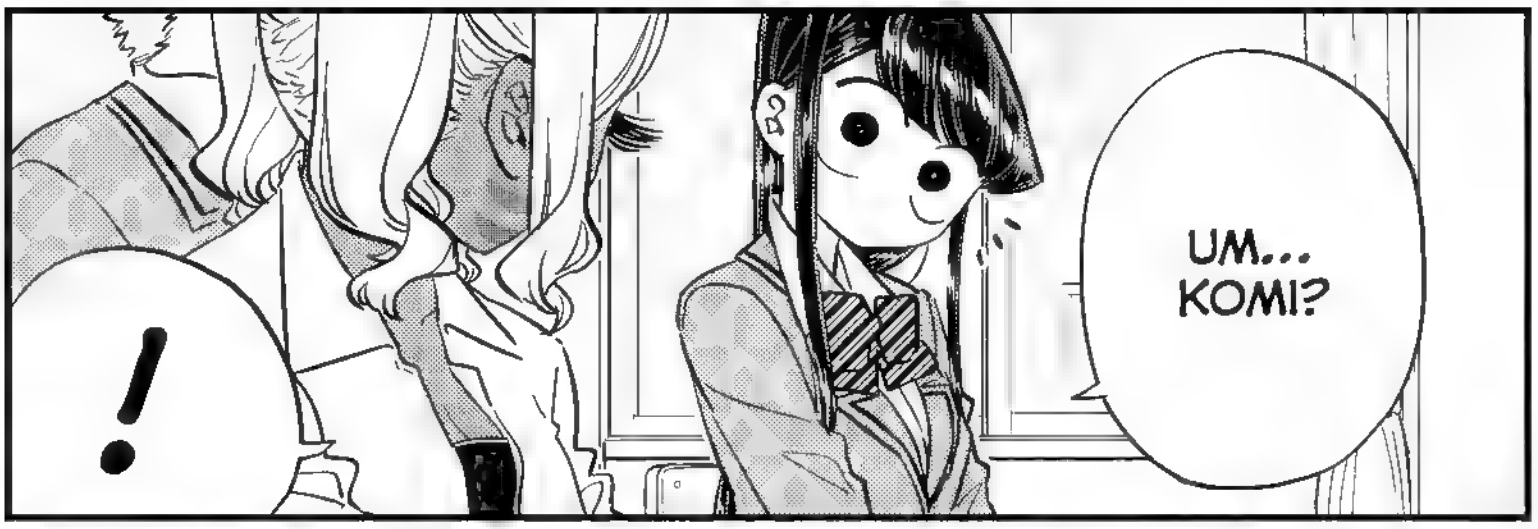




Communication 136: Makeup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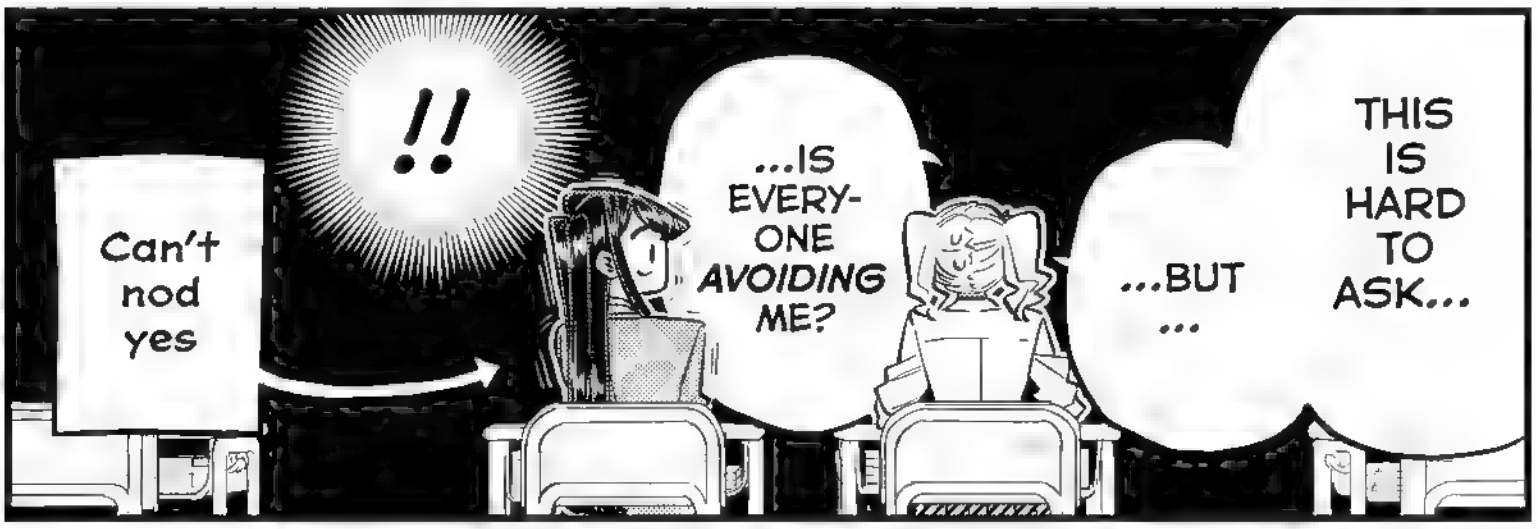
UM... KOMI?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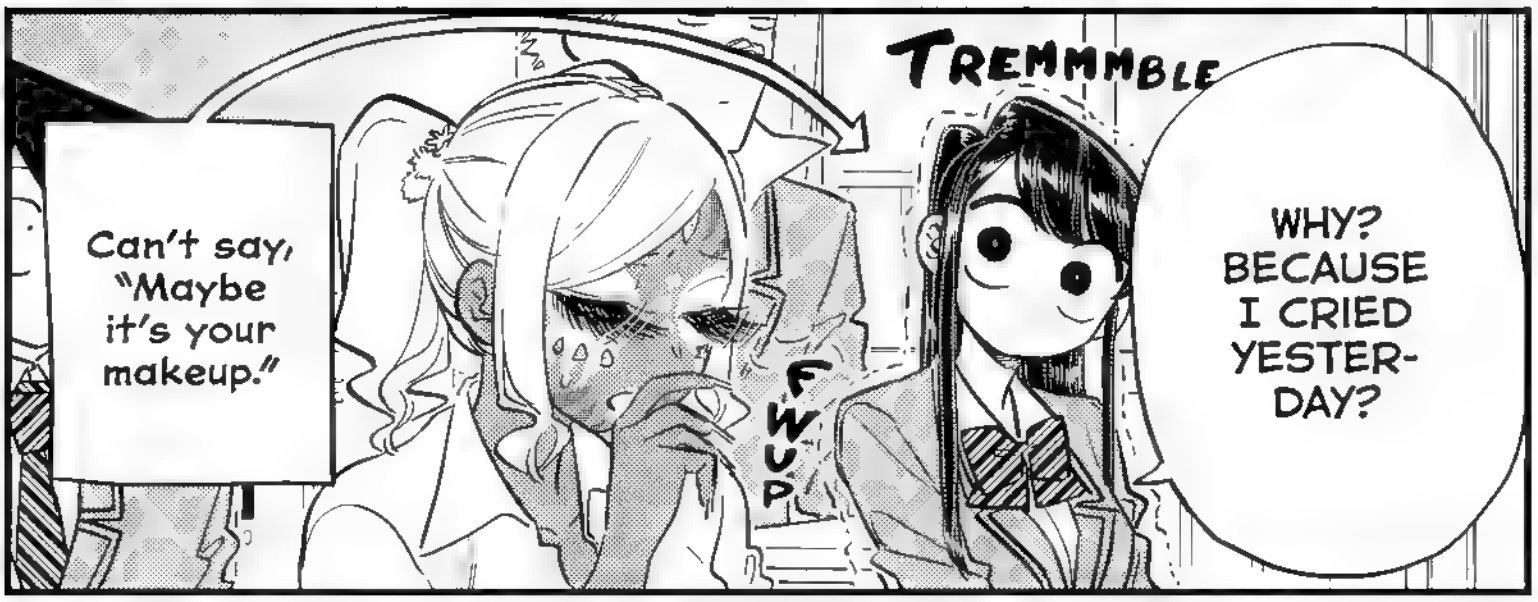
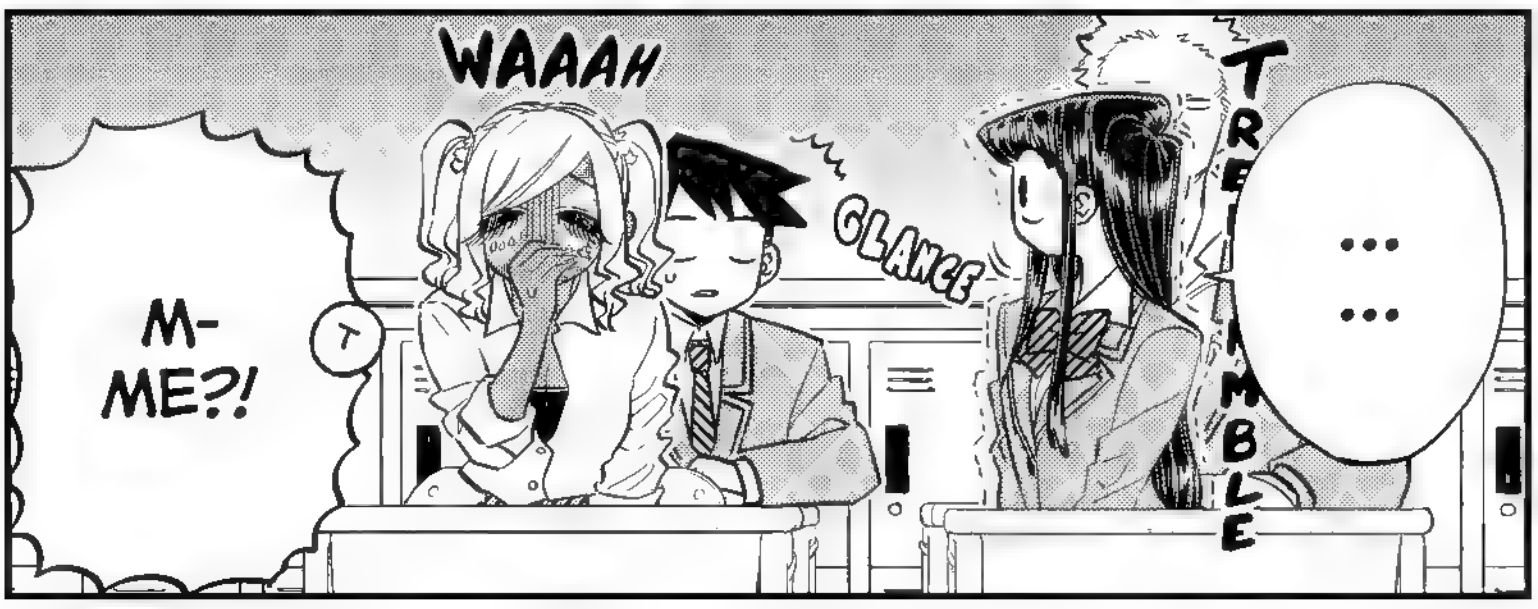
Can't nod yes
...IS EVERY-ONE AVOIDING ME?
...BUT ...
THIS IS HARD TO ASK...


TREMMMBLE
Can't say, "Maybe it's your makeup."
FWUP
WHY? BECAUSE I CRIED YESTER-DAY?


WAAAH
GLANCE
M-ME?!
T
TREMBLE
...
...

UM, UH...

...YOUR MAKEUP IS...

HUH? MY MAKE-UP?

what about it?

UH-OH!

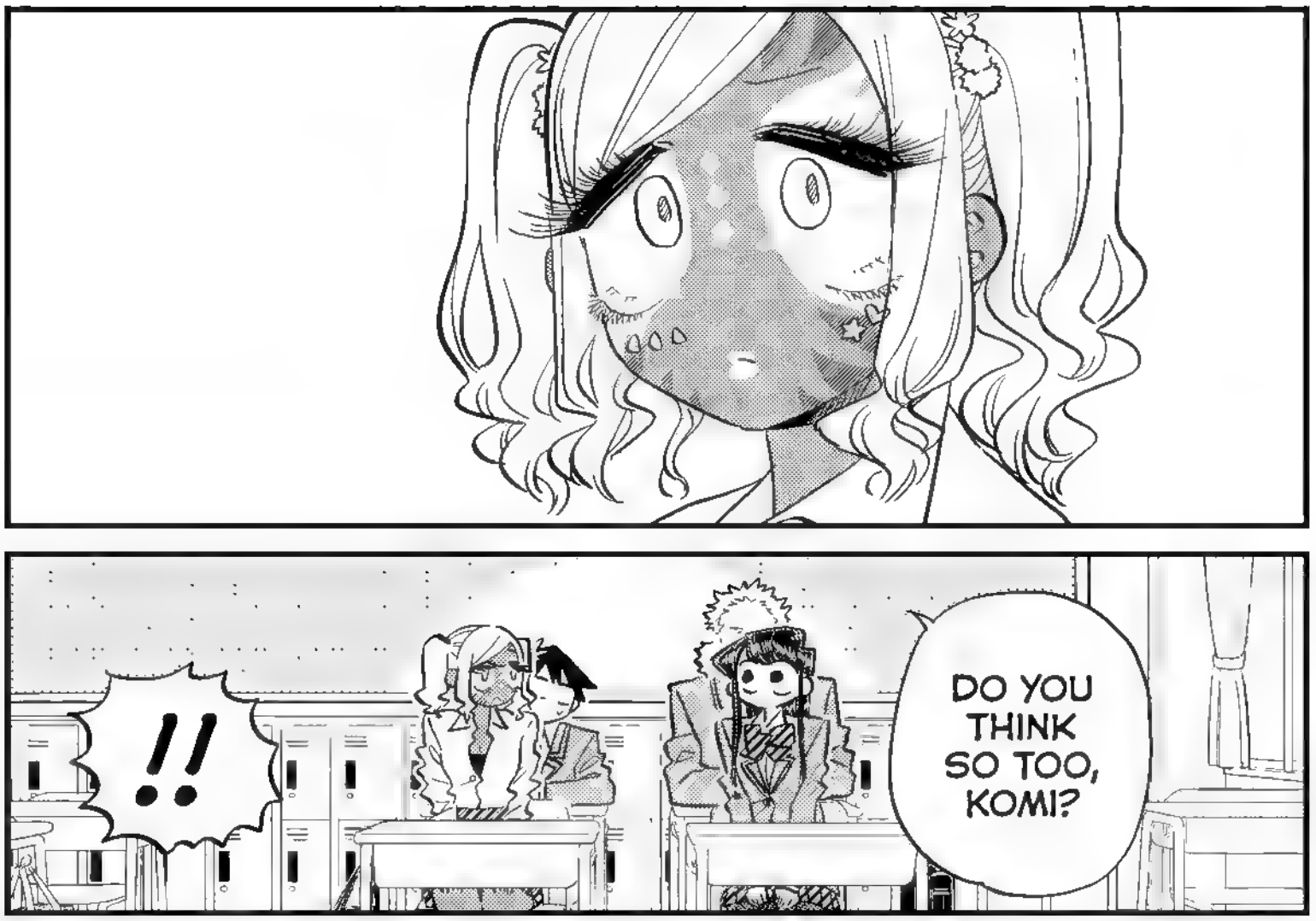
I THINK THAT DEPENDS ...

...ON INDIVI-DUAL TASTE!

So it's just my opinion, but...

I THINK YOU LOOK BETTER ...

...WITH-OUT YOUR MAKEUP.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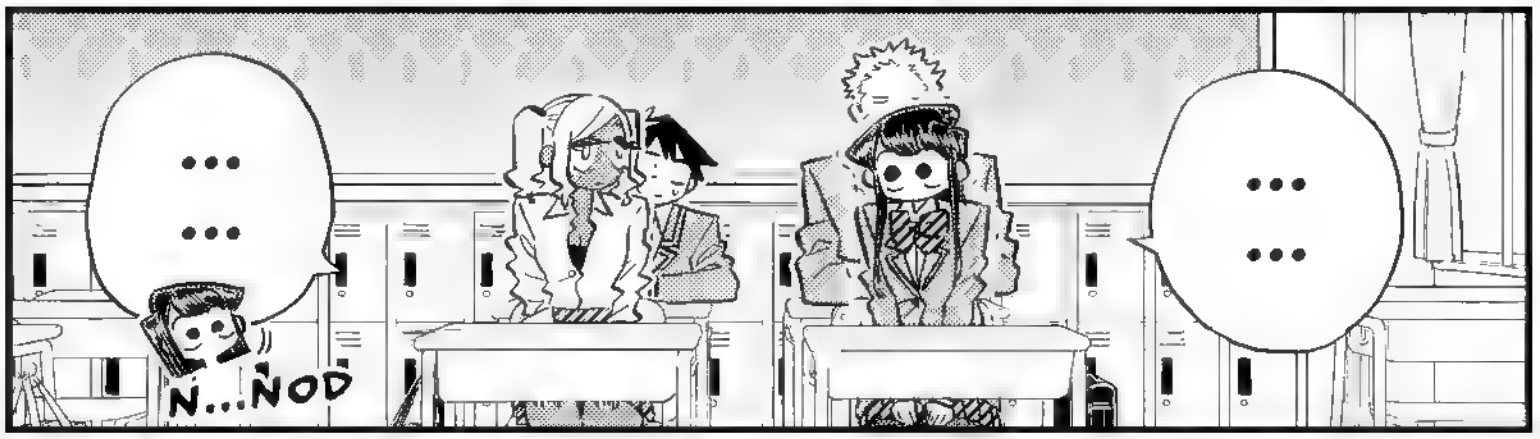
DO YOU THINK SO TOO, KOMI?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N...NOD
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?!
...YOUR NAME!
ANGER?
TADANO...
GRNNND
...I WILL REMEMBER...

I'M GOIN' TO THE JOHN.

SKWIK

SQSSHHH

I THINK YOU LOOK BETTER ...

...WITH-OUT YOUR MAKEUP.

BLUSH

A BOY HAS NEVER TOLD ME...

...I LOOK CUTE BEFORE.

SPLISH SPLASH

...HOW TO REACT!

SO I HAVE NO IDEA...

Communication 136 — The End

CHATTER
CHATTER
...IS LEGEND-ARY!
ITAN HIGH SCHOOL'S CUTLET SAND-WICH...
IT'S CUT TO FIT PERFECTLY IN THE HUMAN MOUTH, AND IT'S GARNISHED WITH LONG STRANDS OF BOILED CABBAGE!
THIS DELICACY IS A HOT, CRISPY CHICKEN CUTLET IN A SOFT, FLUFFY BUN!
FURTHER-MORE, THE SAUCE IS DELIGHTFUL!
THE SPRINGY WHOLE WHEAT BUN IS FRAGRANT. SLICING IT AT AN ANGLE MAKES IT EASIER TO HOLD, THEREBY REDUCING THE RISK OF SPILLAGE!
EVERY STUDENT SHOULD TRY IT AT LEAST ONCE!!
SO STUDENTS RUSH TO GET ONE!
ON WEDNES-DAYS, THERE ARE ONLY TEN AVAILABLE!
Review by Himiko Agari
REVIEWER: HIMIKO AGARI
AGARI WROTE THAT?!

THERE'S A LEG-ENDARY TICKET!

PWAAAAAH

DENSETSU TICKET

THERE'S MORE?!

Afraid you can't get one?

Have no fear!

Grade A: 57 or more points

...

...by getting an A on the fitness test!!!

And you get a ticket...

You can exchange it for the chicken cutlet sandwich!

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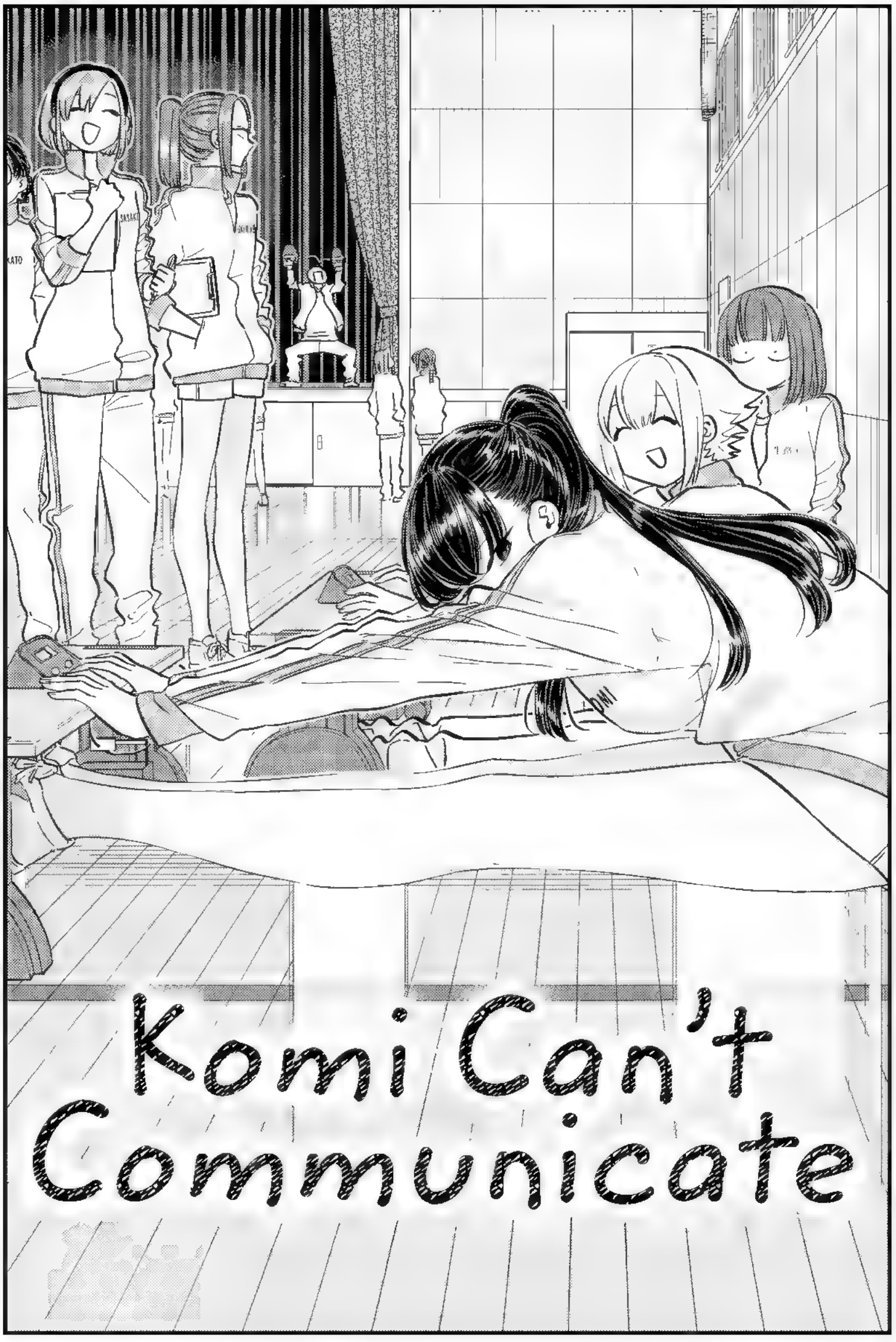
THAT ARTICLE IS ODDLY DRAMATIC ...

SHE'S EXCITED ABOUT IT!

FIDGET

Wants that ticket

FIDGET



Communication 137: Fitness Test, Part 2

I'M MAKERU ...

LONG TIME, NO SEE.

GLARE

... YADANO.

50-meter dash

MY BATTLE BEGAN LAST YEAR, BUT IT ENDS TODAY.

TODAY IS THE MUCH-ANTICIPATED FITNESS TEST.

Girls from all classes

...

N...NOD

THAT GIRL'S GLARING AT YOU, KOMI. IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?

RRR

THIS YEAR, I'M GONNA BEAT KOMI!

Yadano: 50 meters
7.88 seconds
9 points
...
Lost
Komi: 50 meters
6.92 seconds
10 points
HEEEY!
?!
Otori: 50 meters
21.43 seconds
1 point
!
!
I KNEW IT! YOU'RE FAST, KOMI!
Onemine: 50 meters
7.56 seconds
10 points
...
I run a lot of sprints, so...
CHATTER CHATTER
Well... I tried...
!
NOD NOD
IS SHE YOUR FRIEND?

!
HOW MANY SECONDS?
UM ...
8.65.
WHY IS SHE TALKING TO ME?
M
HM?
YOUR 50-METER DASH.
GRIN
I BEAT YOU!
TEE HEE!
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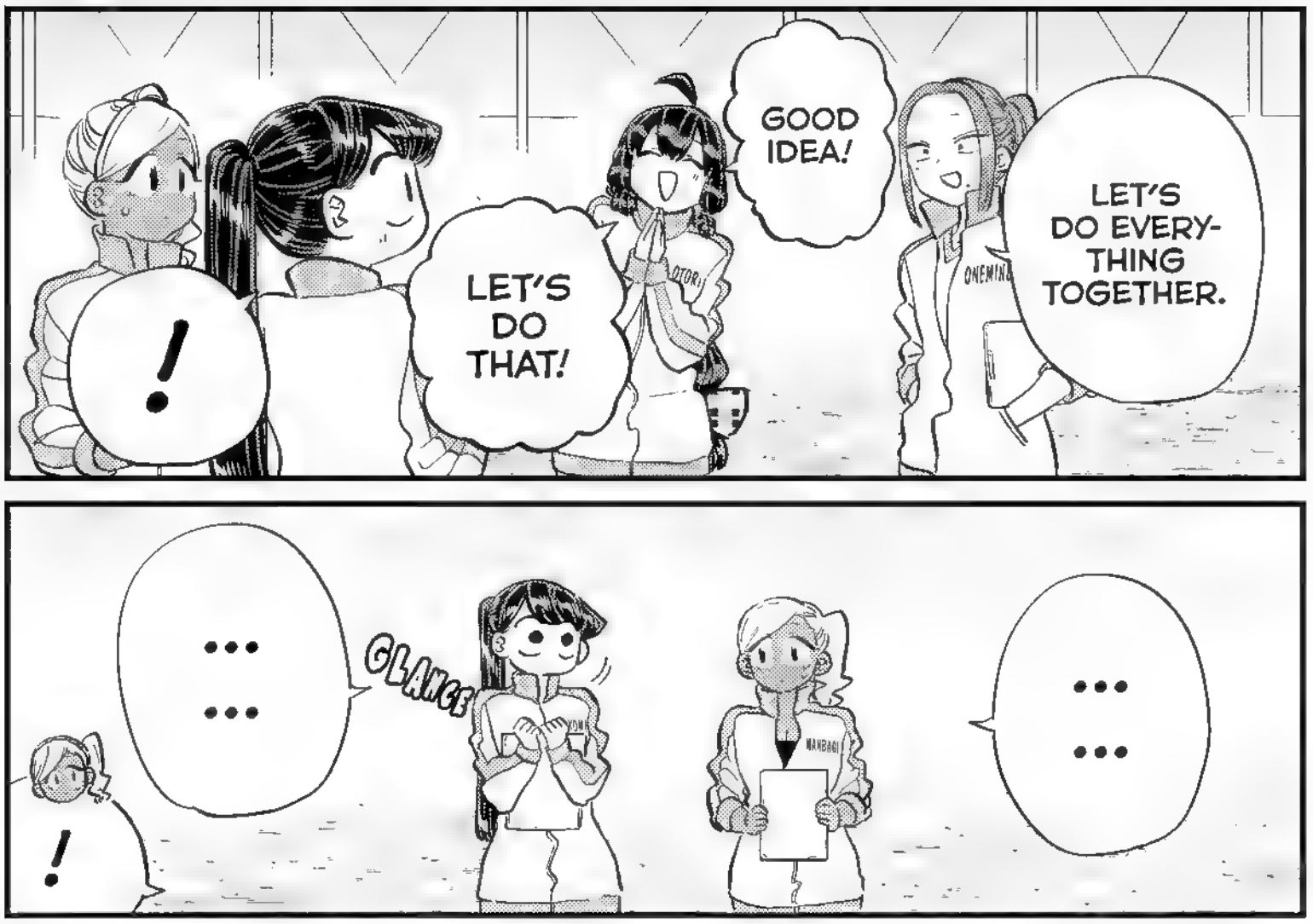
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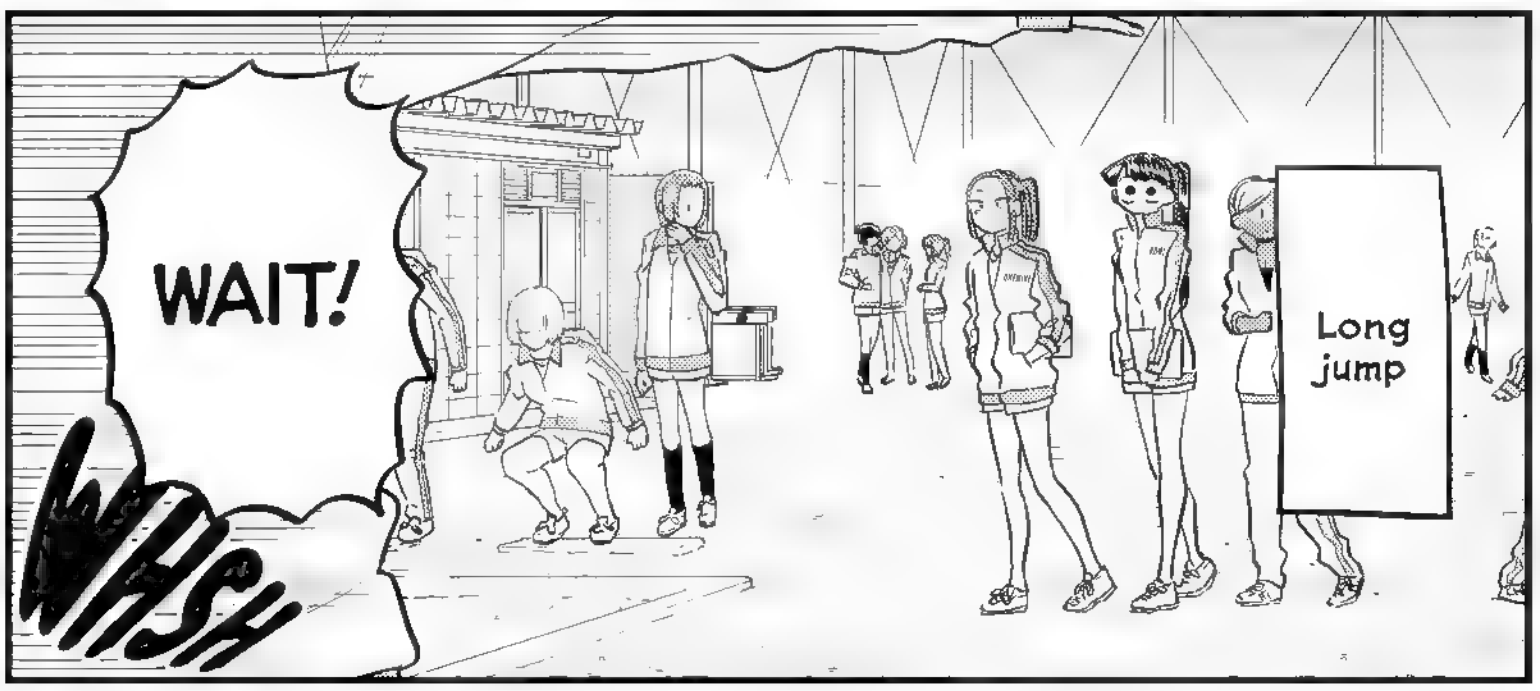
LET'S DO THAT!
GOOD IDEA!
LET'S DO EVERY-THING TOGETHER.
...
...
GLANCE
!
...
...

THEN IT'S DE-CIDED!
!
!
NOD NOD
NO, UM...
...I DON'T REALLY-


WAIT!
WISH
Long jump

RR

TO MOVE ON, YOU GOTTA BEAT *ME!*

OH, IS THAT THE RUUUUULE ?

No, it isn't.

BUT SHE'S THE *WEAKEST* OF OUR TOP FOUR.

LOOKS LIKE MAKERU *LOST.*

Results

Yes! I won! Yahoo oooo oooo!!

Najimi: 84 inches ? points

Onemine: 71 inches 7 points

Komi: 80 inches 9 points

Otori: 22 inches 1 points

Manbagi: 56 inches 3 points

Osana was impossible to score and got excluded from the top four.

Hm?

Don't play dumb!

BUT WHICH ARE YOU?

Girl or boy?

OSANA

Najimi: 24 meters ? points

Onemine: 19 meters 8 points

Otori: 3 meters 1 point

Urgraaah!

Komi: 26 meters 10 points

Manbagi: 14 meters 6 points

Hand-ball toss

Grip strength

Gym-nasium

DA DUM MMMMMMM

YOU HAVE TO DO IT TOO, MIKUNI!

IF YOU WANT TO GET PAST US, YOU HAVE TO SHOW YOUR STRENGTH.

KOMI HAS ENTERED THE DOMAIN OF...

...THE STRENGTH SQUAD!

MORE WEIRD GIRLS ...

They're in cahoots, huh?

HUH? NO WAY... It's too embar-rassing.

Testing

Otori:
13 pounds
1 point

Onemine:
73 pounds
9 points

Komi:
57 pounds
6 points

Sasaki:
82 pounds
10 points

Kato:
53 pounds
5 points

I...I BEAT KOMI!

Manbagi:
60 pounds
6 points

AREN'T I AWESOME! COMPLI-MENT ME!!

KOMI

KATO

YAAAAY♡

WOO-HOO! I CAME IN FIRST!!

BUT YOU DON'T SOUND IMPRES-SED!!

IMPRES-SIVE.

Everyone moved on to the next challenge!

... REALLY MEAN ANY-THING.

ANY-WAY...

...WINNING DOESN'T ...

I USED TO DO BALLEEET!

?!

Otori:
26 inches
10 points

STRETCH

Komi:
23 inches
9 points

Forward stretch

Kato:
17 inches
5 points

Manbagi:
21 inches
8 points

Sasaki:
13 inches
3 points

Onemine:
18 inches
6 points

I MEAN THE TOP FOUR!!!

BUT YOU SOUND SO WEAK!

BLAM

AH HA HA

Side jump

I...I M-MADE THE CHOP HORF!!!

WHAT IS THAT? AND DO WE EVEN STAND A CHANCE?!

GARI

NEXT IS SIDE JUMP BOOB BOING-ERS!!

RAWM

?!

MANBAGI

STAARE

?!

?!

YEAH! OUR LETHAL WEAPON!

YOU'RE OUR FINAL WEAPON!

!

!

GO, RUMIKO!

BO ING

Side jump

Side jump

BOING

It was a tie.

HER BOOBS ARE SLIGHTLY SMALLER THAN AGARI'S, BUT THEY'RE SPRINGY, LUCIOUS AND TOP QUALITY ALL AROUND! THIS IS HARD! I WONDER WHAT EVERYONE ELSE THINKS!

Boob Judge: Shuki Ohai

AGARI HAS SIZE AND SOLID REBOUND FOR BOOBS THAT REALLY MAKE AN IMPACT.

I HAD MY SUSPICIONS ABOUT MANBAGI, AND NOW I'M CERTAIN SHE WEARS A DD BRA!!

I JUST SAW...

Agari: 28 times 2 points

Manbagi: 38 times 4 points

Komi: 51 times 9 points

Ohai: 43 times 6 points

Otori: 2 times 1 point

Onemine: 53 times 10 points

...SOMETHING GLORIOUS!

THE DEMON QUEEN IS LAST!

WE'RE IN DIFFERENT CLASSES NOW, SO I NEVER SEE YOU!!

FWIP FWIP

YOU FINALLY CAME, KOMI!! I'VE BEEN SO LONELY!

Sit-ups

FUMP

?!

...INSIDE ME! ♥

COME... ♥

WHAD-DIDYOU-SAY?!

WITH SUCH BRAZEN ULTERIOR MOTIVES, SHE'S AN UNRELIABLE PARTNER.

SO I SHALL DO IT!

GYAAH

BUT YOUR GRIP STRENGTH WAS ONLY 29 POUNDS! YOU'LL LOSE YOUR BALANCE!!

GRIP STRENGTH DOESN'T MATTER! IT'S ABOUT STABILITY! AND WEIGHT!

GYAAH

IF YOU DO IT, YOU'LL RUIN KOMI'S SCORE!!

HA! THAT'S WHY I'M WEARING 13 POUNDS OF EXTRA WEIGHT!

You got proof of that?!

... NOD

I'LL HOLD YOUR LEGS.

PSHAW! YOU ONLY WEIGH 84 POUNDS!! AND KOMI'S LIGHT!

BUT I WEIGH 97 POUNDS! THAT'S PERFECT!

?!

BUT NAKA X YAMA AIN'T BAD NEITHER! NOPE!

HUFF HUFF

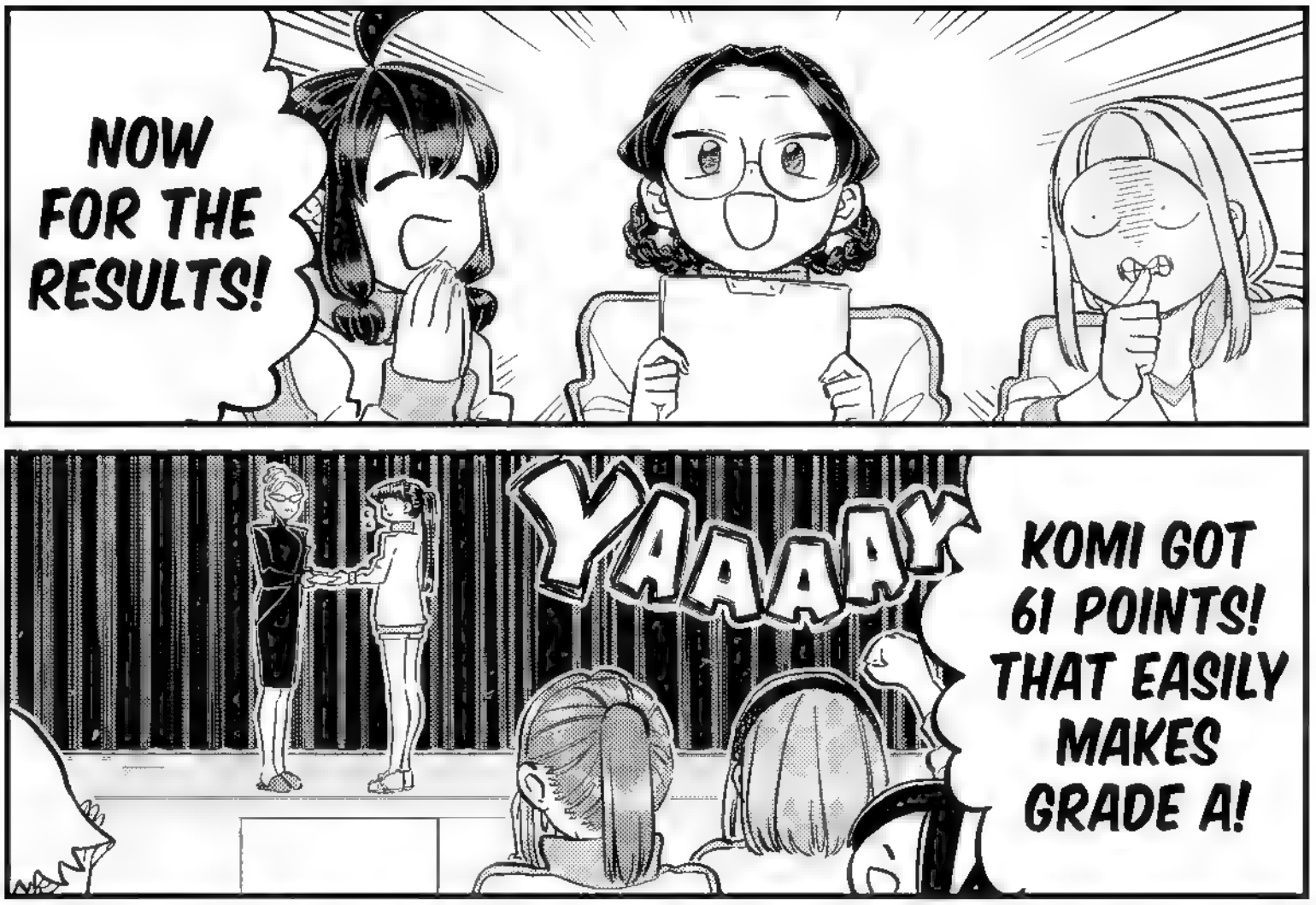
YAMA X NAKA IS AWE-SOME!

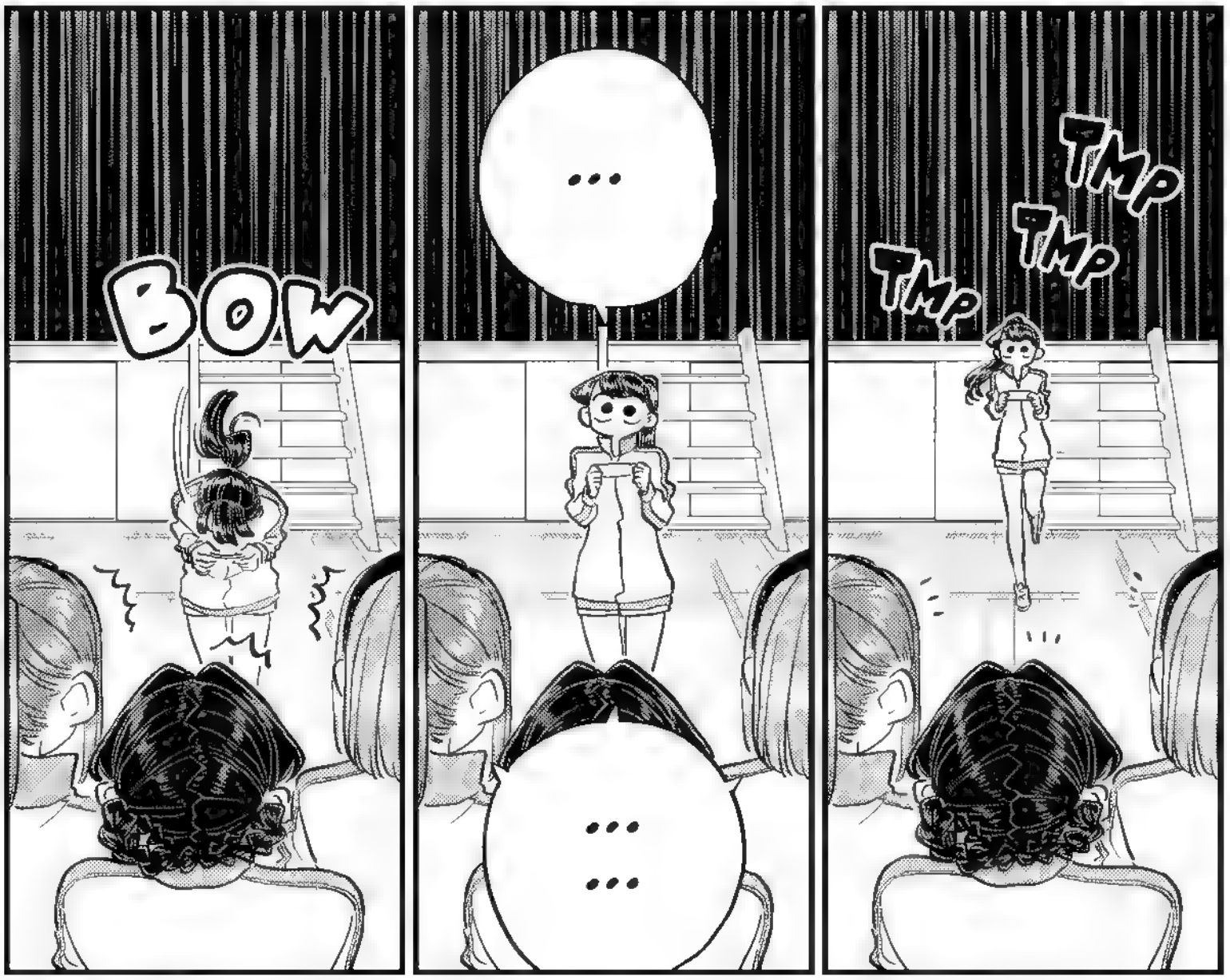
HUFF HUFF

SKRK SKRK SKRK SKRK

Komi:
23 sit-ups
8 points

I'm Lily Sukida. I like girls' love.


NOW FOR THE RESULTS!
YAAAAY
KOMI GOT 61 POINTS! THAT EASILY MAKES GRADE A!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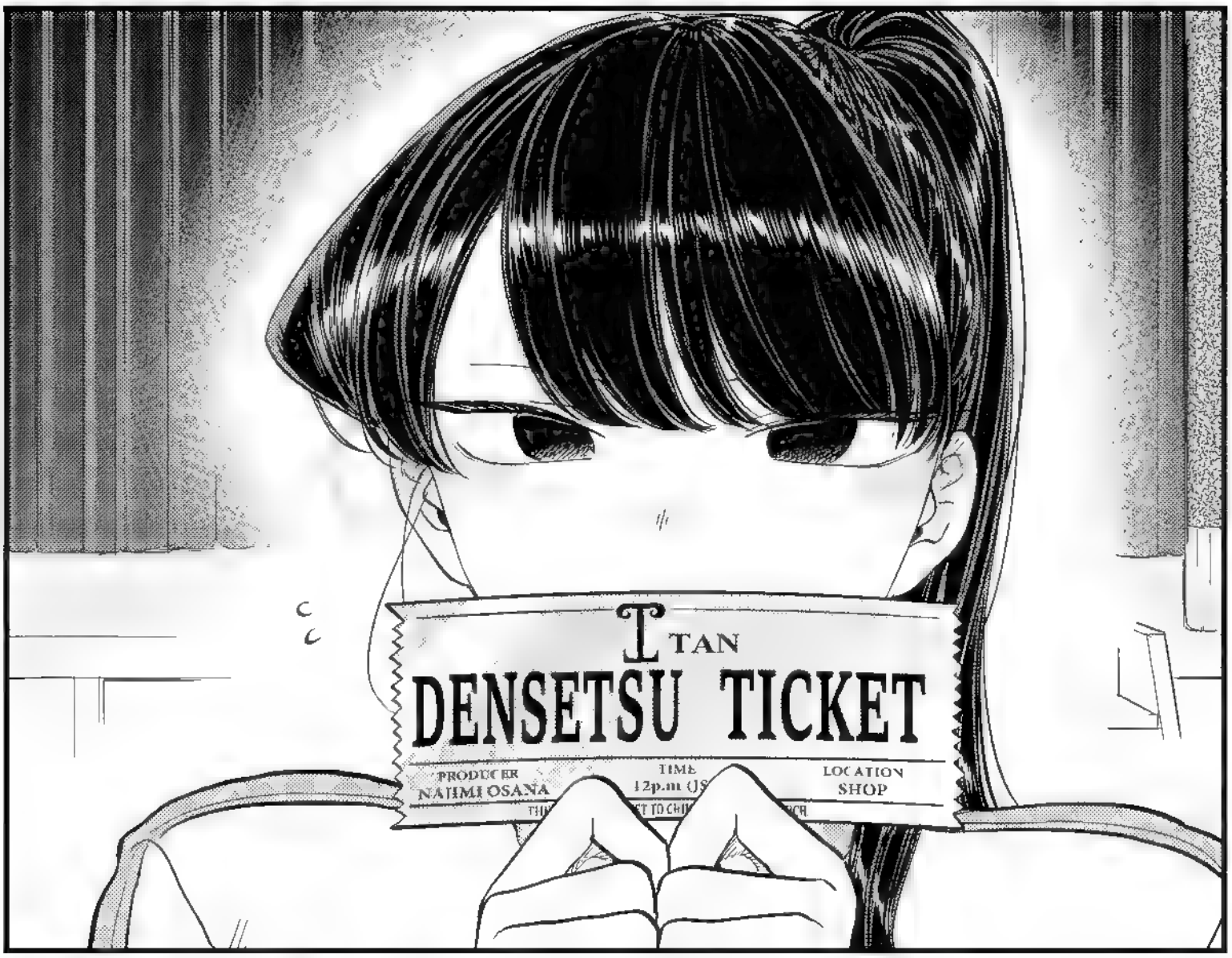

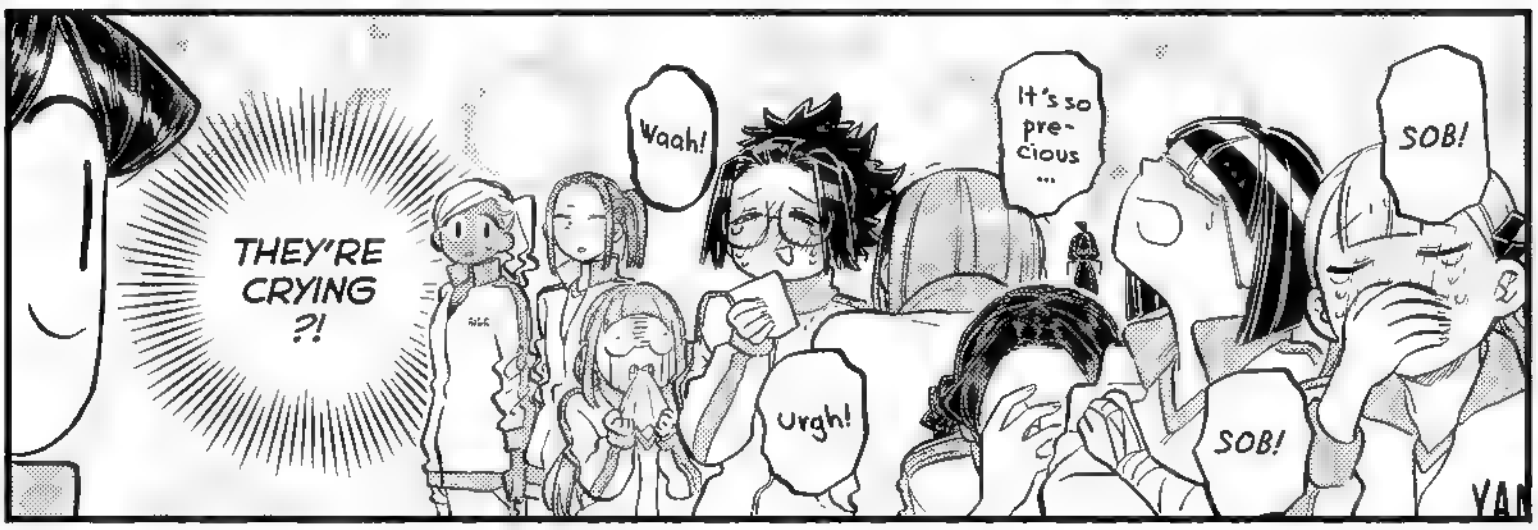

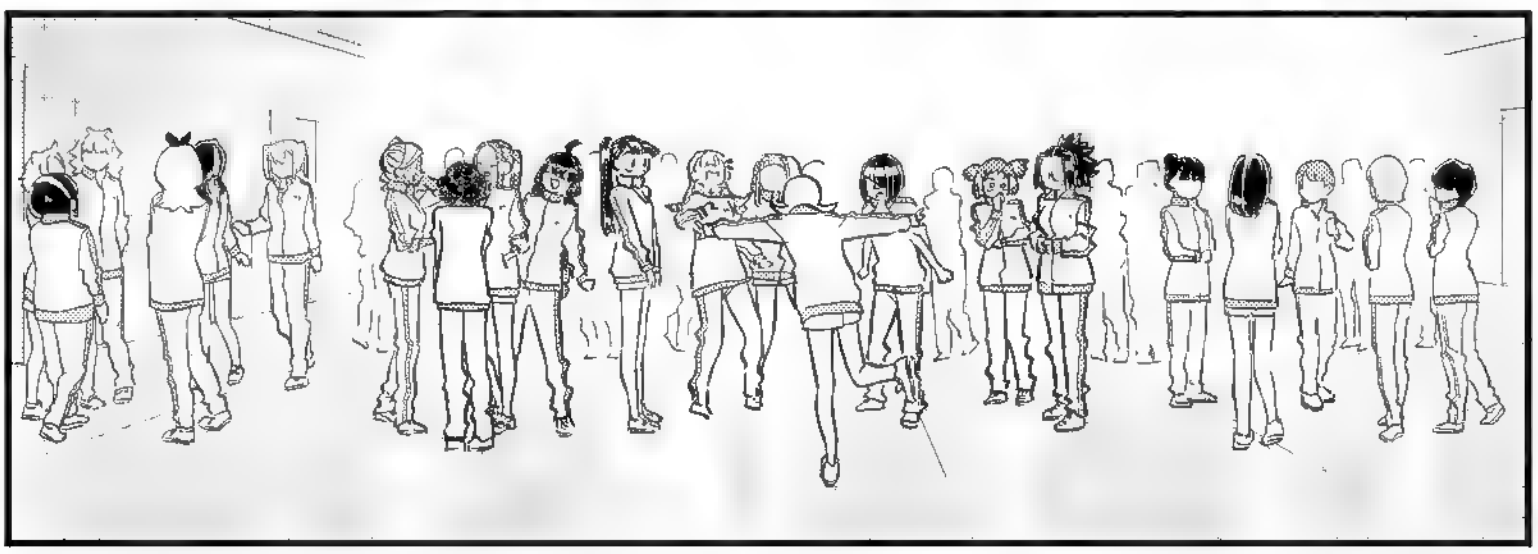

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Katai: Immeasurable, 10 points

Naruse: 34 times, 2 points

OKAY.

L-LOOK, TADANO!

Grip strength

WHY DOES EVERY-ONE WANT ME TO WATCH?

Katai!!

Katai!!

CHECK OUT MY MOVES, TADANO.

Side jump

HUH? UH, OKAY.

NARUSE

23 1-10 kg

KATAI!!

THIS IS SO EMBAR-RASSING!

KATAI

GRIP

SPARKLE

GLEAM

Huh?!

TADANO! CHEER FOR HIM!

D-DO YOUR BEST!

Yay, Katai!

Go, Katai!

TWINKLE

HE'S REALLY SLOW!

KATAI!!

GRAB

KRUNCH

*Naruse isn't the athletic type.

?!

TRIP

OOPS!

Later That Day

Kometani: 26 sit-ups, 6 points

YAAH YAAH

Buy-ing lunch

?!

*Watch me, Tadano.

Sit-ups

*Just joking.

Oh my! It's Komi!

YAAH YAAH

...

...

Legendary ticket

Komi wasn't sure if the ticket was actually valid and she was too embar-rassed to ask, so in the end she never used it.

?!

Komi Can't Communicate

Communication 138: Allergies

?!

PUFFY

PUFFY

Allergy Symptom #2: Itchy eyes

GOOD MORN-ING!

ITCHY

...AND I RAN OUT OF MEDI-CINE.

I HAVE ALLER-GIES...

"What's wrong with your eyes?"

YOU SHOULDN'T RUB THEM TOO MUCH.

WANT TO USE MY EYEDROPS?

?!

...SHUT UP.

ESHHHH

YOU...

...JUST...

?!

Allergy Symptom #3: Scratchy throat

SCRATCHY

Ungh... gugh! (GOOD MORNING, TADANO.)

TADANO'S SUCH A SWEETIE!

!

KATAI, IS YOUR THROAT OKAY?

Do you want a cough drop?

GASP! MASTER!

Doesn't know what it's like to have a scratchy throat from allergies

STAARE

?!

?!

...hurk! (...ER.)

SCRATCHY

I SHOULD PAY MY RESPECTS TO MASTER!!

Ungh... gugh...gack... (GOOD MORNING, MA...)

PUFF PUFF

?!

Allergy Symptom #4:

1-3 combined = a total wreck.

UGGH

SCRATCHY

Gablor-bing, ebberbwun!

(GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE!)

*She feels Najimi's pain.

...?

I FEEL YOU.

FEELZ.*

I FEEL YOUR PAIN.

Da bollen ish ebbyvare hooday!

(THE POLLEN IS EVERY-WHERE TODAY.)

*She totally feels Najimi's pain.

...??

I FEEL YOU.

TOTES FEELZ.*

I FEEL YOUR PAIN.

Lasnigd, migose ag fize urgh hoshitchy I gouldn't shleep.

(LAST NIGHT, MY NOSE AND EYES WERE SO ITCHY I COULDN'T SLEEP.)

*She very totally feels Najimi's pain.

...???

I FEEL YOU.

V TOTES FEELZ.*

I FEEL YOUR PAIN.

Ny gize ur sho bag I gan't obben dem.

(MY EYES ARE SO BAD I CAN'T OPEN THEM.)

Allergy Symptom #5:

People with tissues look cool.

HUH ?!

I BROUGHT A BOX OF TISSUES. USE AS MANY AS YOU WANT!

papia NOSE BUBBLY

BABUMP

NORMAL TISSUES CAN BE ABRASIVE.

THEY HAVE LOTION ON THEM.

THESE ARE SOFTER THAN THE ONES I HAVE AT HOME!

BLUP

!

NOD NOD

ME TOO!

SOMETIMES, I ONLY HAVE ONE TISSUE, SO I USE IT OVER AND OVER!

NO, I DON'T!

Wipe your nose!

SOMETIMES MY NOSE IS RUNNING UNDER MY MASK BUT I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO KNOW SO I JUST...YOU KNOW.

Pollen Fixer.

Allegron.

Claritoin.

Pollen Fixer?!

Can't join the conversation

What medicine do you use?

I want a spare nose!

I know! My eyes too!

...no luck. It isn't itchy.

Touching her nose, but...

I wish I could take off my nose and wash it out!

I hear lotus root helps.

And it's tasty!

Oh, really?

...

Yep. That happens.

Sometimes my nose runs so fast I can't wipe it fast enough!

Yeah, they're sweet.

Huh? You ate them?!

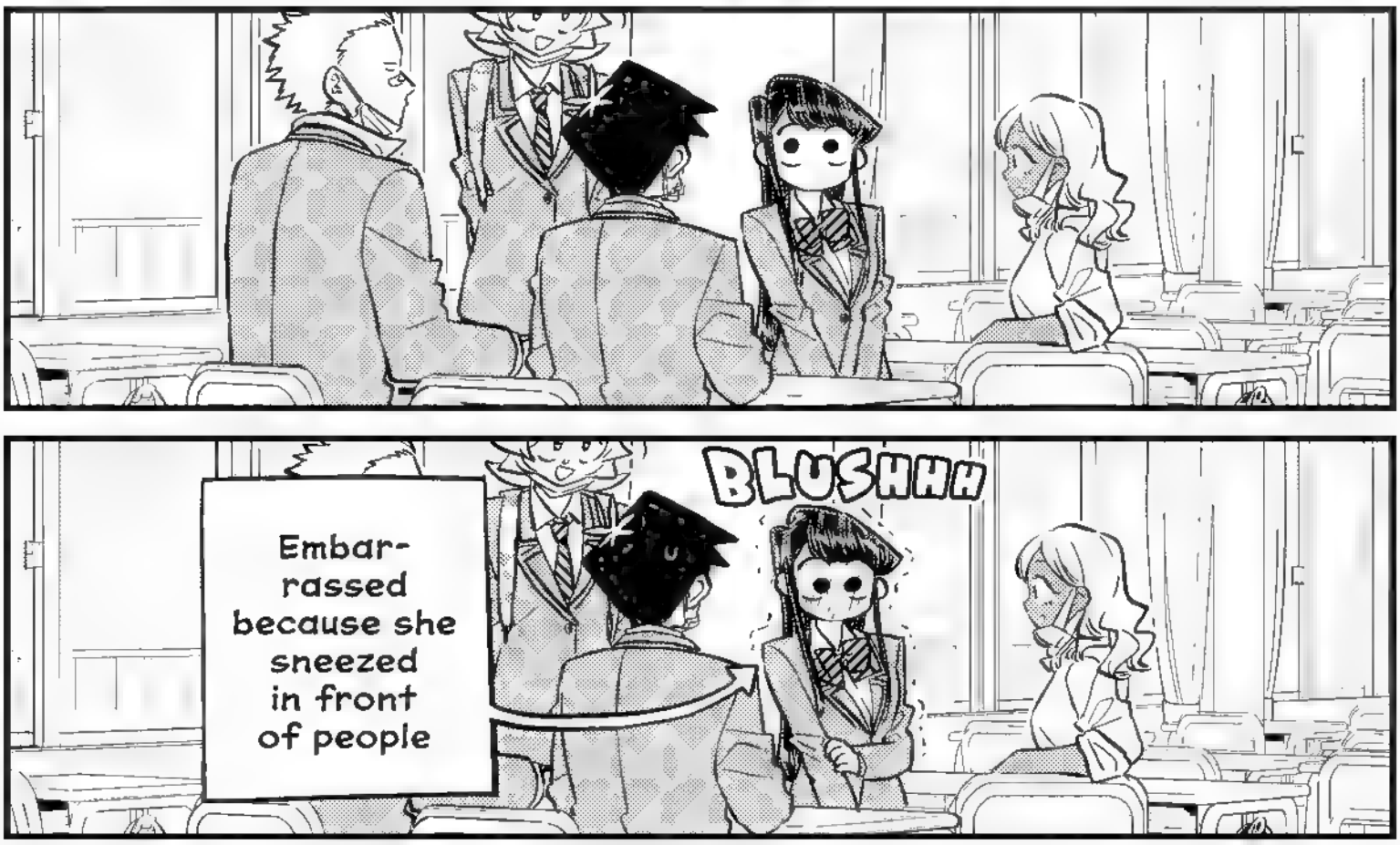
...

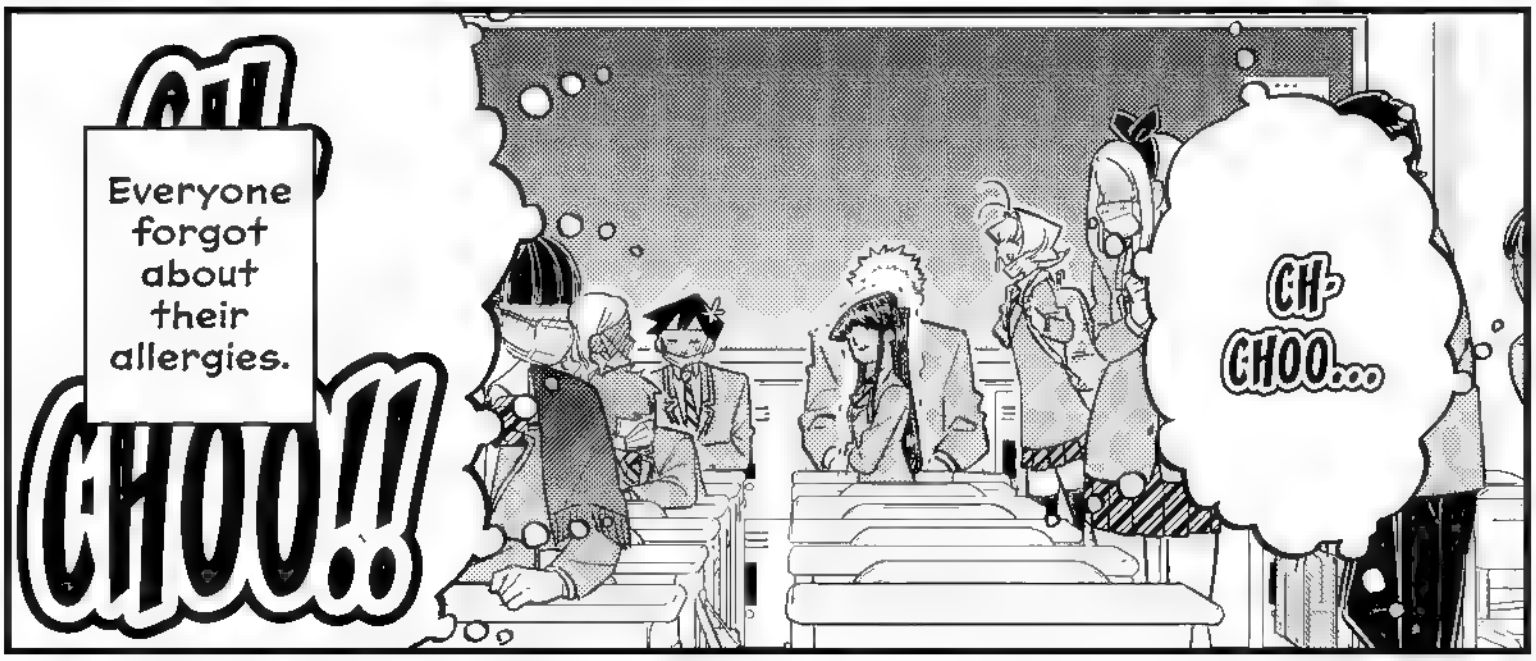
Did you know lotion tissues are sweet?

...

PWIK

CH-
CHOO.





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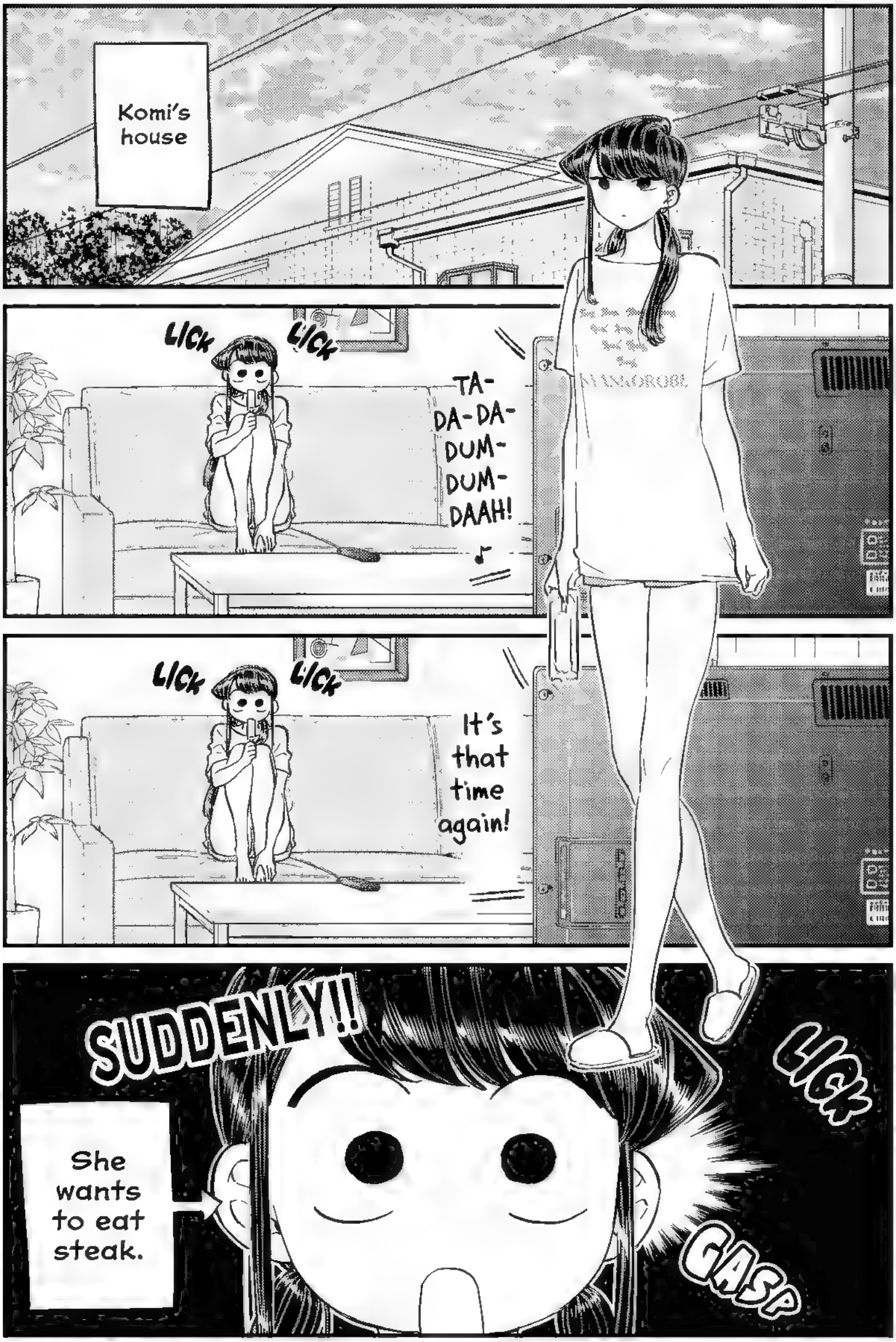


Mean-
while at
Manbagi's
house...

Ah ha ha!
This video's
hilarious!!

GASP

I
WANNA
EAT
STEAK!

SUDDENLY!!

AH
HA

Mean-while, at Tadano's house...

BRO! IT'S TIME TO EAT!

OKAY!

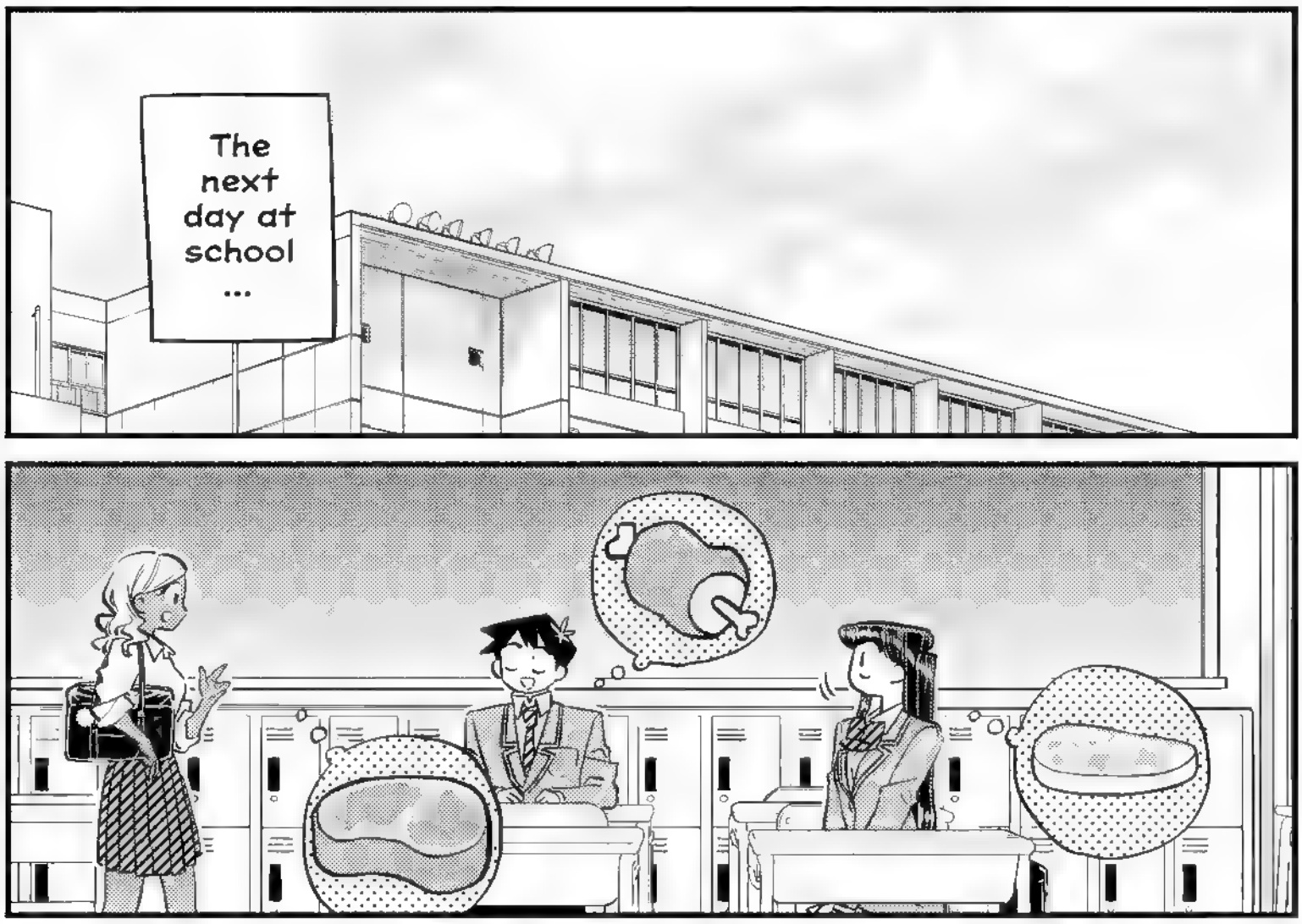
It's time to eeeat!

Today's menu: flounder boiled with soy sauce

GASP

HMM... STEAK...

SUDDENLY!!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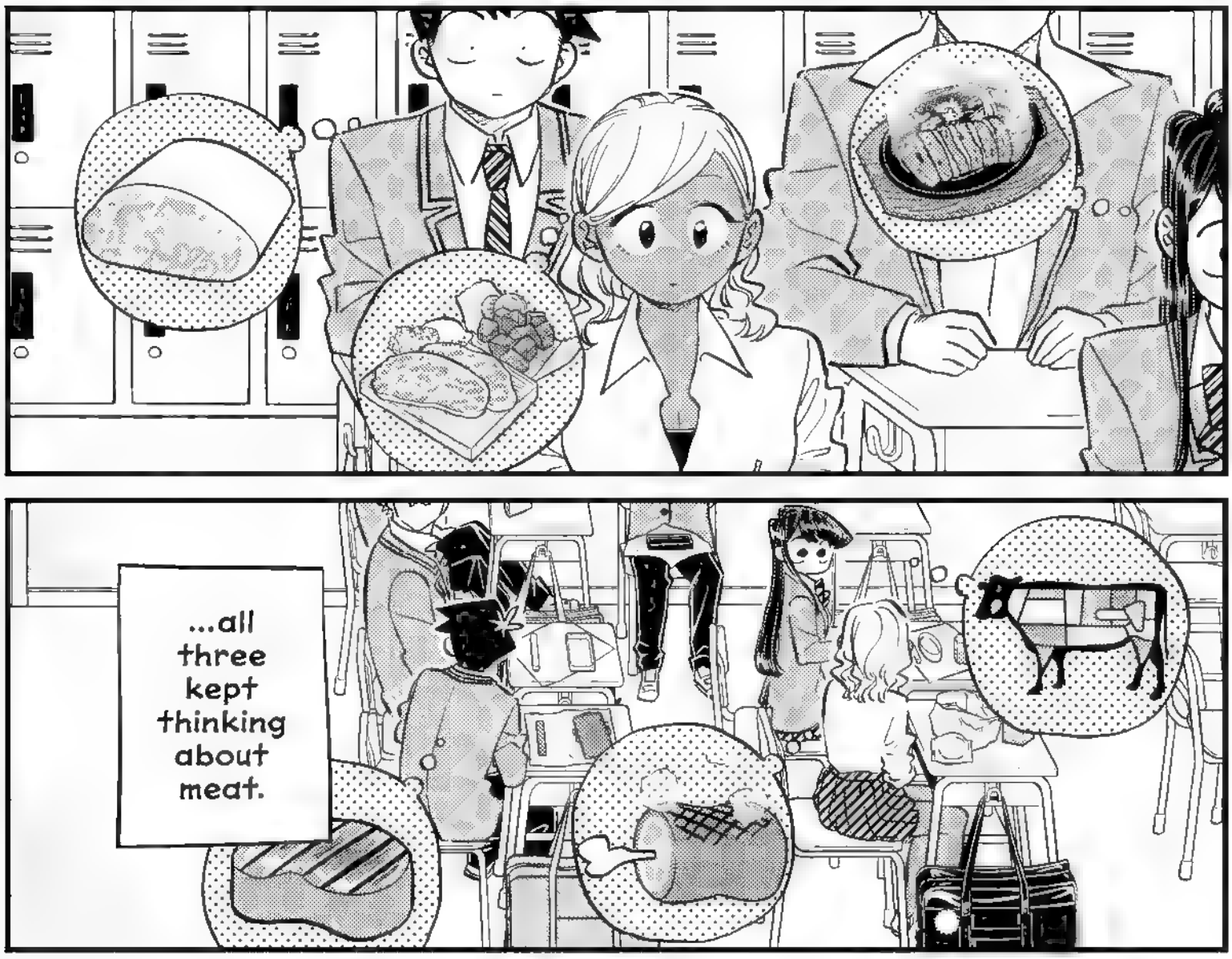
...all three kept thinking about meat.

Let's all go!

BA-DAM

There's a new restaurant near the station called Suddenly Steak!

PERFECT!

SUDDENLY!!

SUDDENLY!!

OUR VERY OWN FOODIE!

SINCE IT'S YOUR FIRST TIME, YOU MAY BE UNEASY...

RATTLE

??!

...SO I WILL ACCOM-PANY YOU!

!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO COME, KATAI?

Communication 139: Suddenly

AGARI, HAVE YOU BEEN TO SUDDENLY STEAK BEFORE?

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UH-HUH! THIS IS ONLY MY SECOND TIME AT THIS LOCATION, BUT I'VE BEEN TO THE OTHER LOCATIONS A LOT!

A

OH.

T

とつぜん ステ

!

UDDENLY STE

THE NAME SUGGESTS IT'S SURPRISING. IS IT DIFFERENT FROM OTHER STEAK RESTAU-RANTS?

MAY I DIS-COURSE ?

UH, SURE... GO AHEAD.

SUDDENLY!!

...

SUDDENLY!!

JOLT

We can go in!!

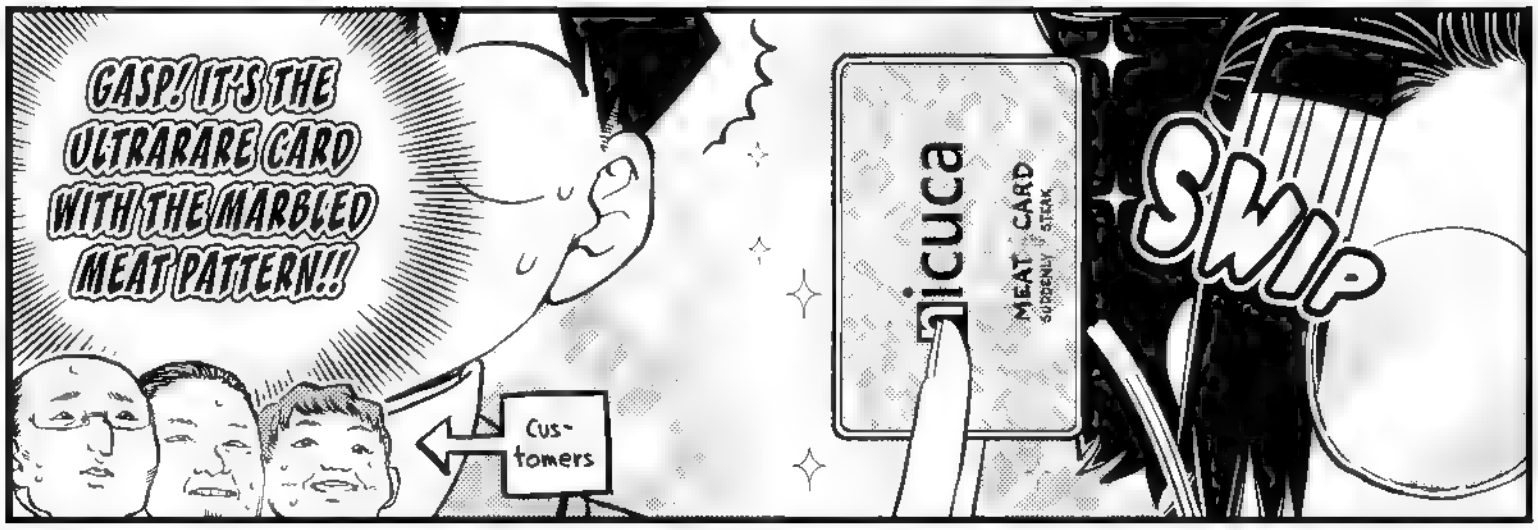
THEY USE HIGH-QUALITY BEEF, SO THICK CUTS COOKED RARE ON A CHARCOAL GRILL REPRESENT THE BEST THE RESTAURANT HAS TO OFFER

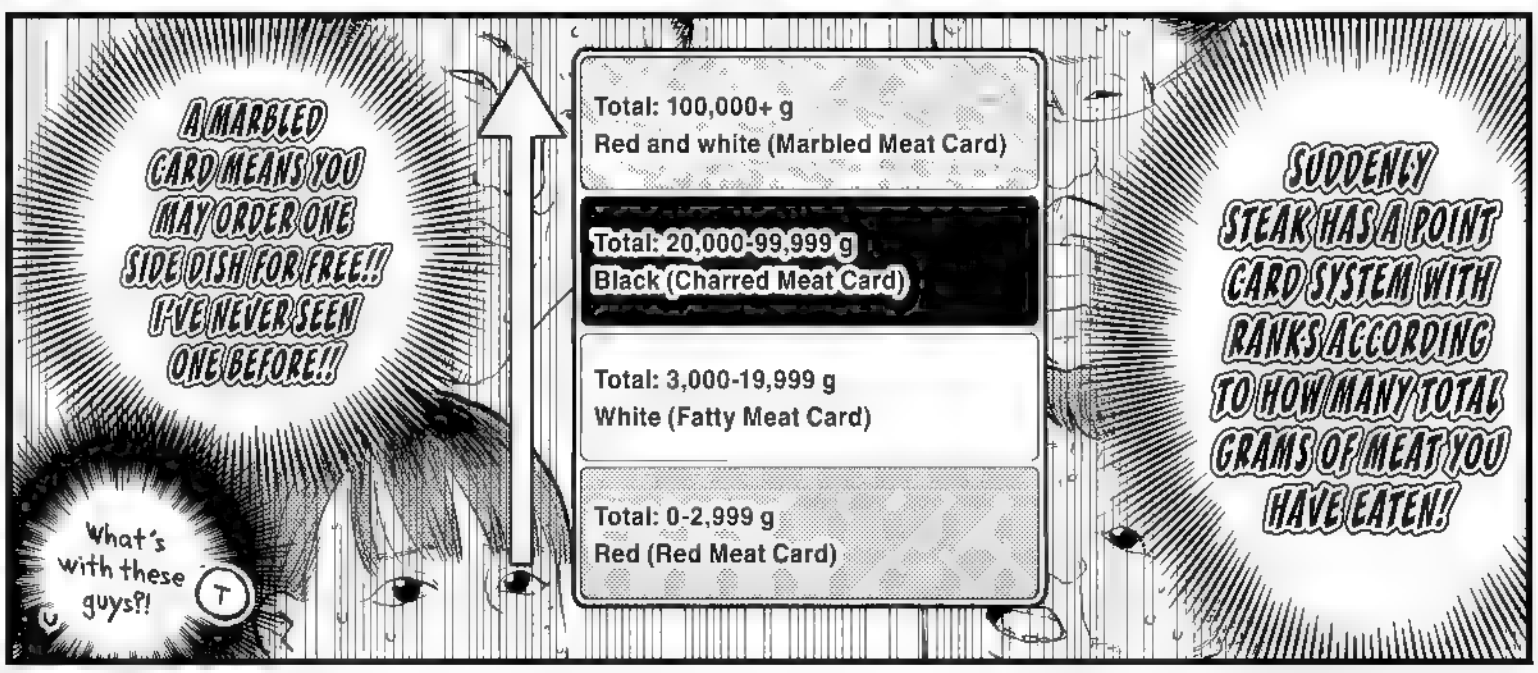
SO FEATURES ICT ORDER NG N WHICH YOU E YOUR PORTION AND CUT. THEY IN FRONT OF YOU D ALLOW YOU TO SPECIFY HOW YOU WOULD LIKE IT COOKED.

BY CONTRAST, THE RECENT TREND IS TO PROVIDE SEATING TO TARGET WOMEN AMONG WHOM LOW-SUGAR DIETS ARE COMMON, WHICH IS AN INTERESTING POINT.

"SUDDENLY" DOESN'T MEAN THE SERVICE IS PARTICULARLY FAST. IT MEANS YOU ONLY EAT MEAT, WITHOUT ANY APPETIZERS. ONE DISTINCTIVE FEATURE OF THIS RESTAURANT IS THAT PATRONS DINE STANDING UP. THIS INCREASES CUSTOMER TURNOVER FOR AN EFFICIENT COST RATE THAT ENSURES LOW PRICES.

WELCOME TO SUDDENLY STEAK!
WHAT'S A MEAT CARD?
SUDDENLY!!
DO YOU HAVE A MEAT CARD?


GASP! IT'S THE ULTRARARE CARD WITH THE MARBLED MEAT PATTERN!!
Cus-tomers
MEAT CARD
SUDDENLY STEAK
SWIP


A MARBLED CARD MEANS YOU MAY ORDER ONE SIDE DISH FOR FREE!! I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE BEFORE!!
What's with these guys?!
Total: 100,000+ g
Red and white (Marbled Meat Card)
Total: 20,000-99,999 g
Black (Charred Meat Card)
Total: 3,000-19,999 g
White (Fatty Meat Card)
Total: 0-2,999 g
Red (Red Meat Card)
SUDDENLY STEAK HAS A POINT CARD SYSTEM WITH RANKS ACCORDING TO HOW MANY TOTAL GRAMS OF MEAT YOU HAVE EATEN!

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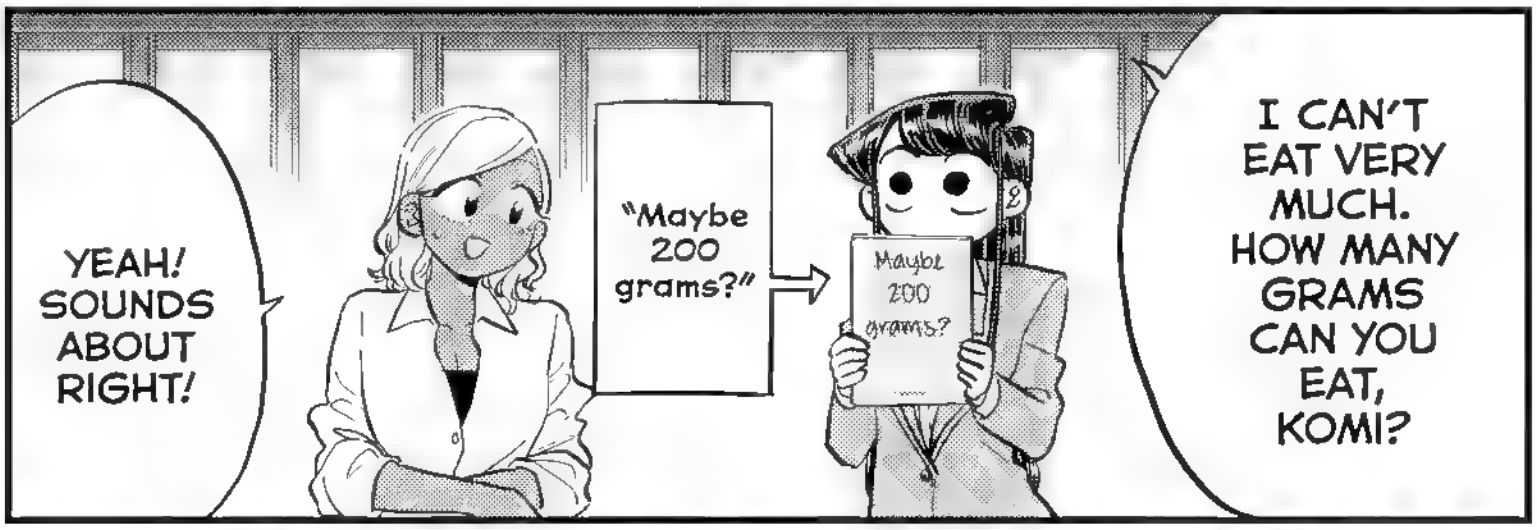
Ah ha ha! Cool! What's everyone gonna order?
It's a standing restaurant, huh?
Right! We gotta choose the cut and gram-mage!
NAJIMI, YOU ORDER OVER HERE.


YEAH! SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT!
"Maybe 200 grams?"
Maybe 200 grams?
I CAN'T EAT VERY MUCH. HOW MANY GRAMS CAN YOU EAT, KOMI?

SRSLY ?!
SIRLOIN STEAK, 500 GRAMS.
SUDDENLY!!

HOW ABOUT 348 GRAMS?

WEIGHT IS APPROXIMATE. HOW ABOUT 383 GRAMS?

Top rib, 350 grams!

Per-fect

No, that's too much!

!

HOW ABOUT YOU LADIES?

VERY WELL, MISS.

"Tender-loin, 200 grams."

Why did she write it down?

Tender-loin, 200 grams.

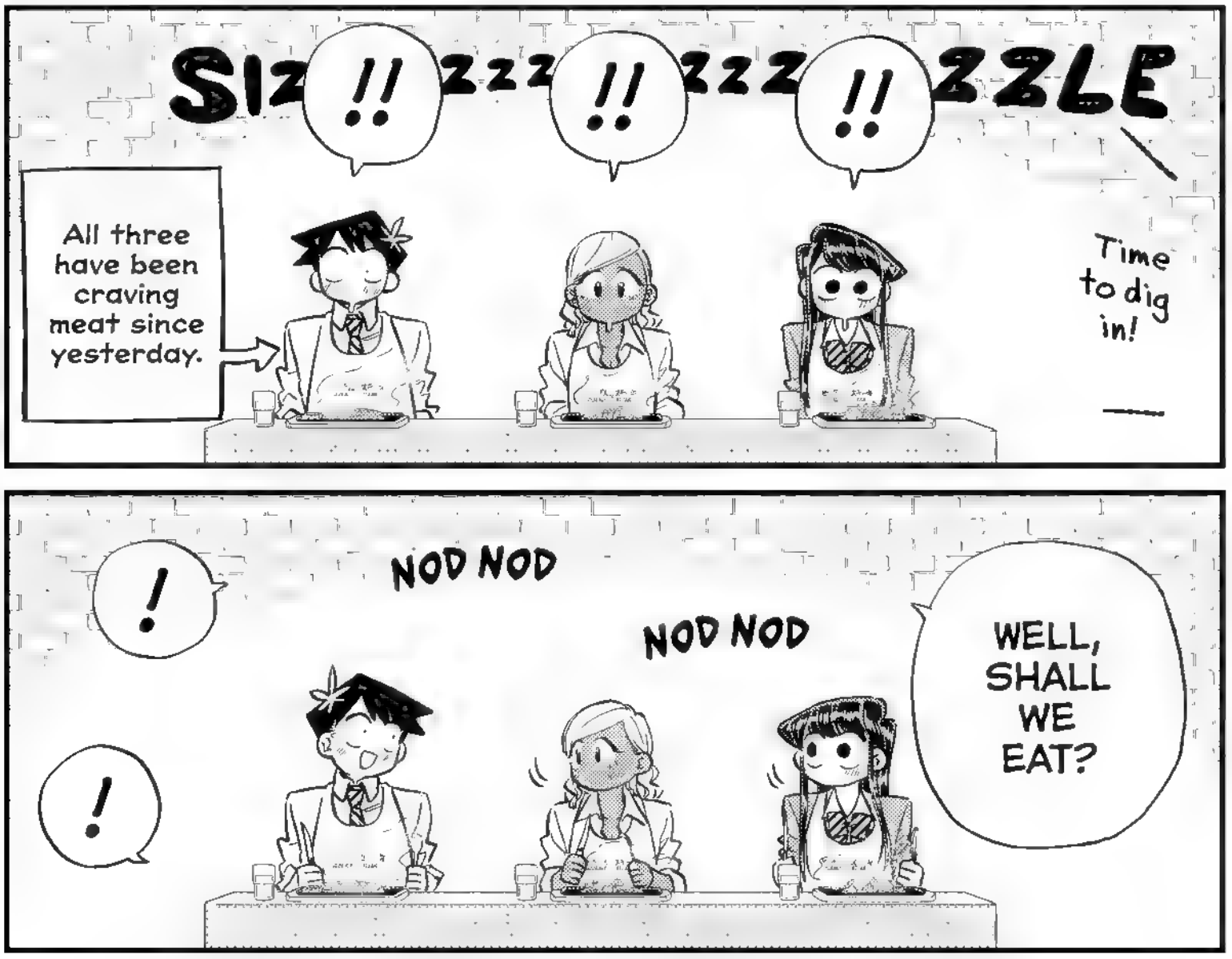
TREMBLE TREMBLE

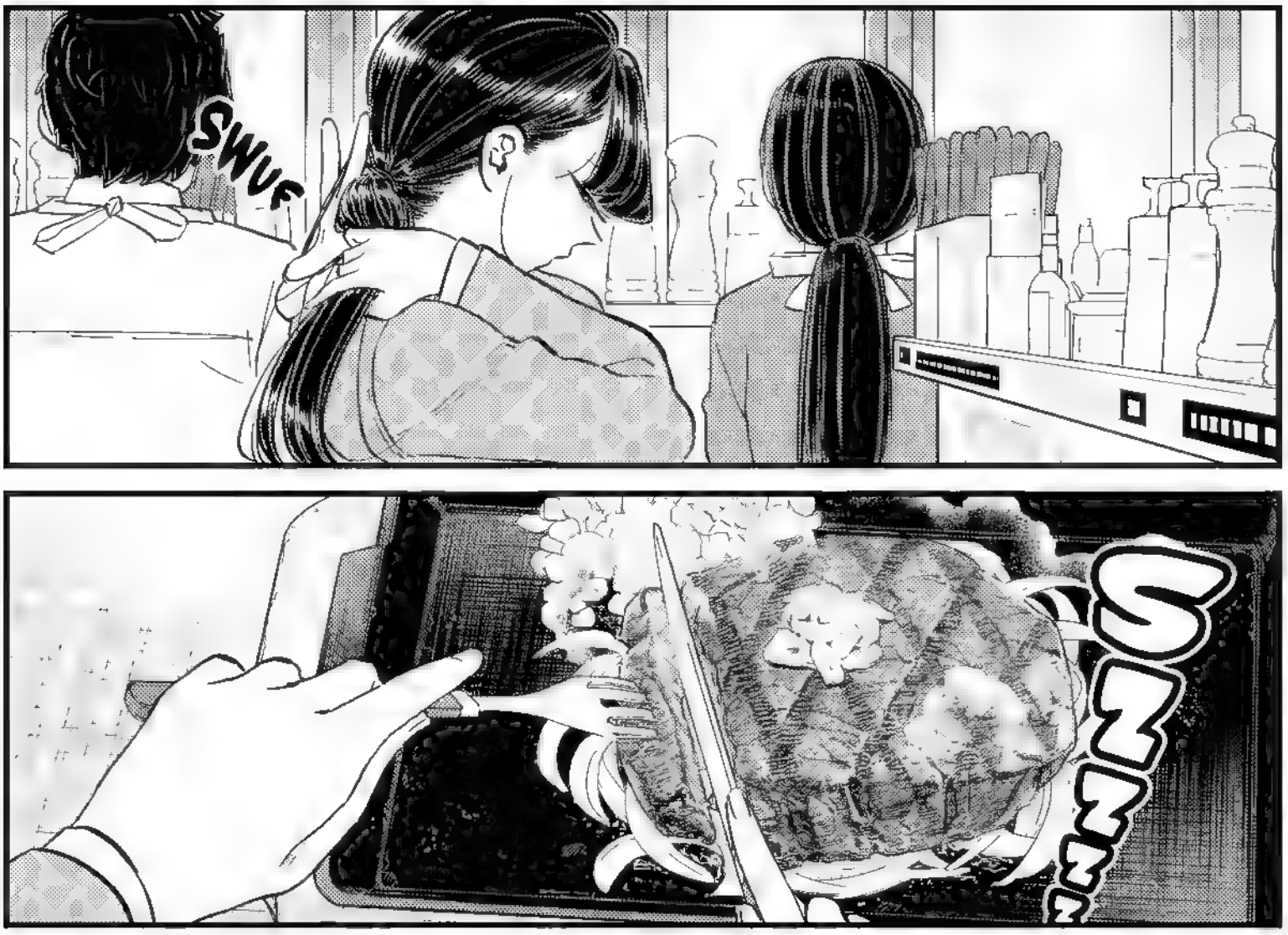
Can't ask him for less

NOD N...

SHALL I MAKE THAT 220 GRAMS?

SIZZZZLE
SUDDENLY!!!
Ooh! That's looks good !!
THANK YOU FOR WAIT-ING!


Siz!! zzz!! zzz!! zzle
All three have been craving meat since yesterday.
Time to dig in!
!
!
NOD NOD
NOD NOD
WELL, SHALL WE EAT?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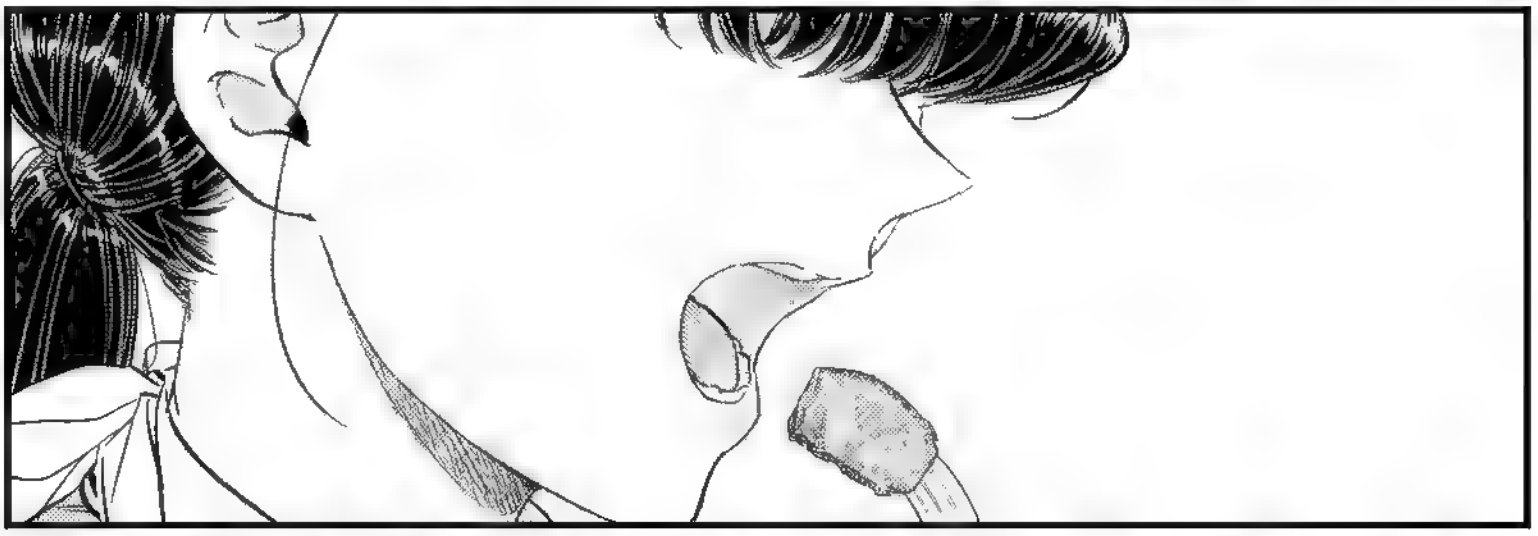
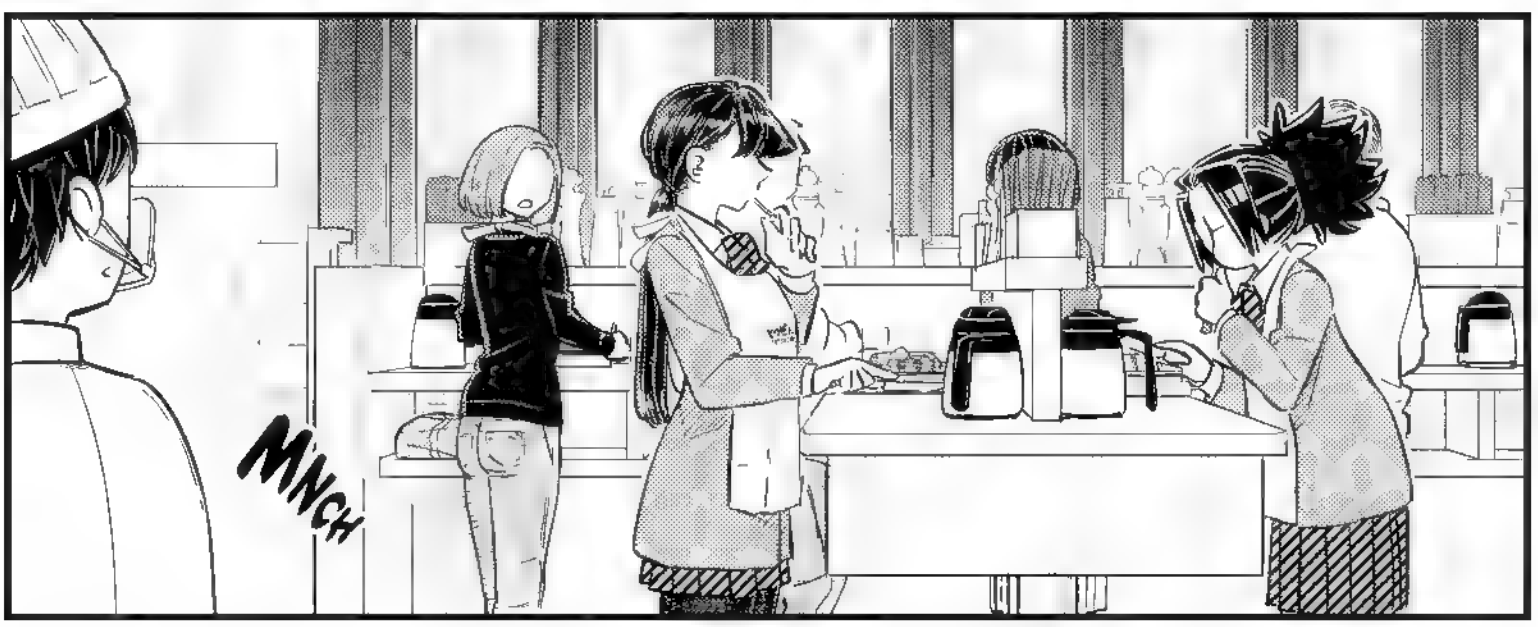
SNNNN




MNCH

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KOMI IS EATING MEAT...

Fo-cused on the meat

BABMP BABMP BABMP

HMPH

HMPH

!

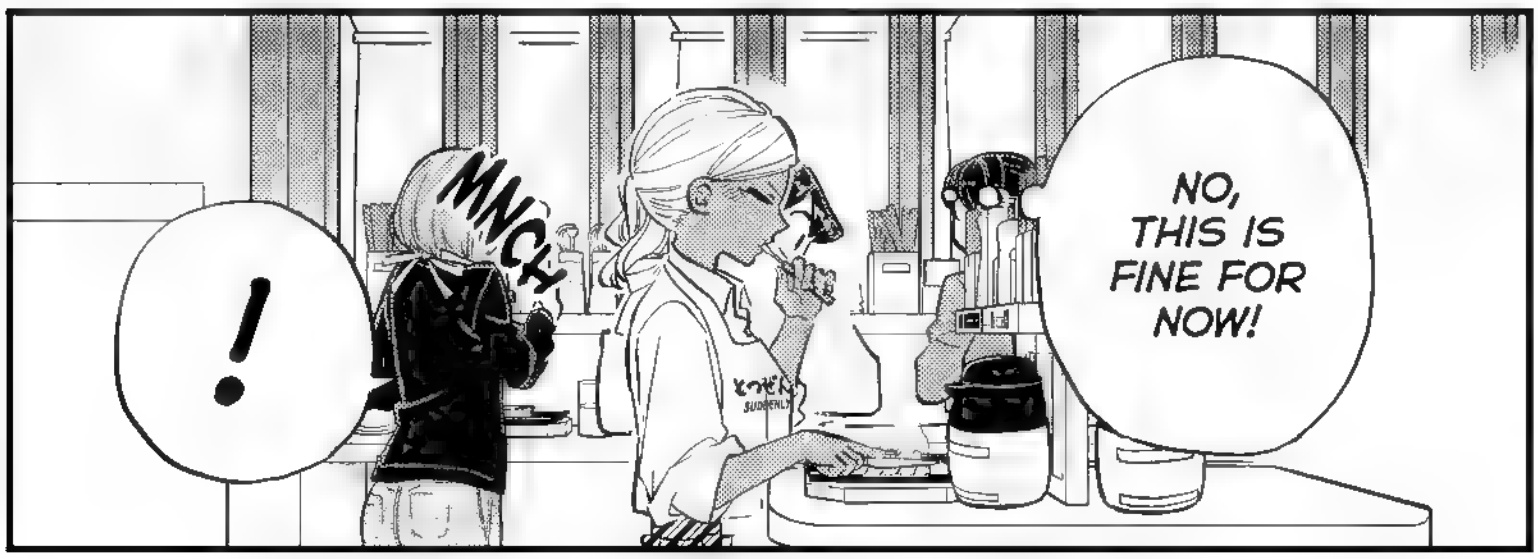
!

NOW I'M EXCITED TOO!!

ULP
I...
...
SHOULD
EAT
TOO.

IT'S SO
SOFT...
IT CUTS
LIKE
BUTTER!

...
WE
CAN ADD
SAUCE OR
SALT AND
PEPPER,
BUT...

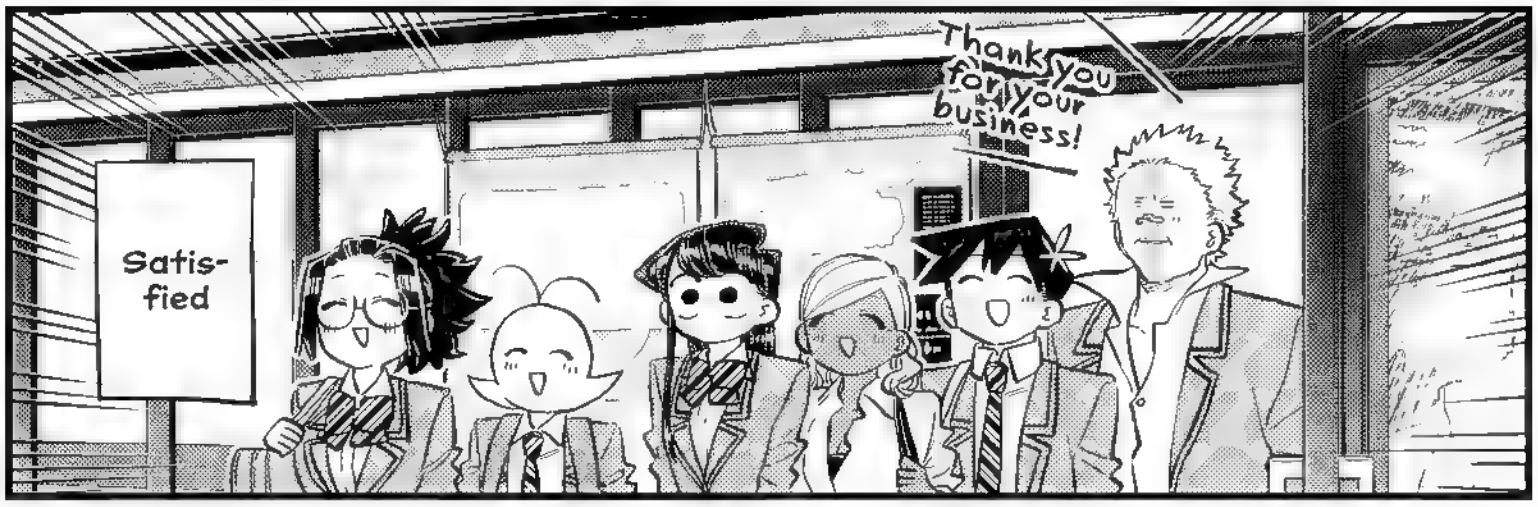

MNCH
!
NO,
THIS IS
FINE FOR
NOW!

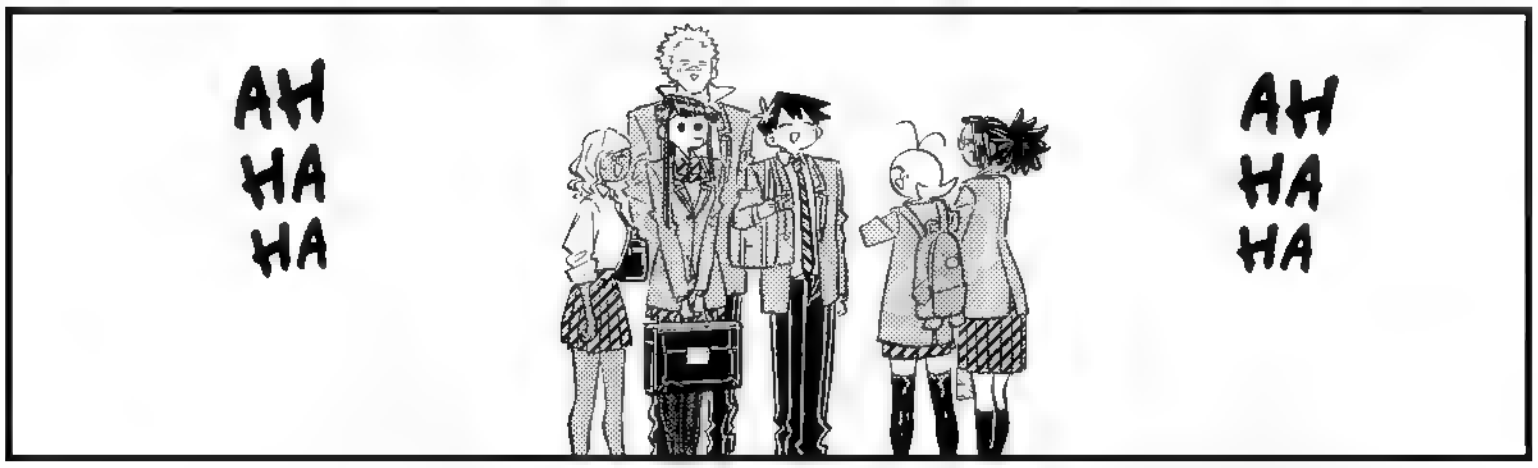
Mm-
mm...
!!
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'RE ENJOYING THAT, MANBAGI.
UH, S-SORRY.
BLUSHHHHHH
W-WHY'RE YOU WATCHING ME?!

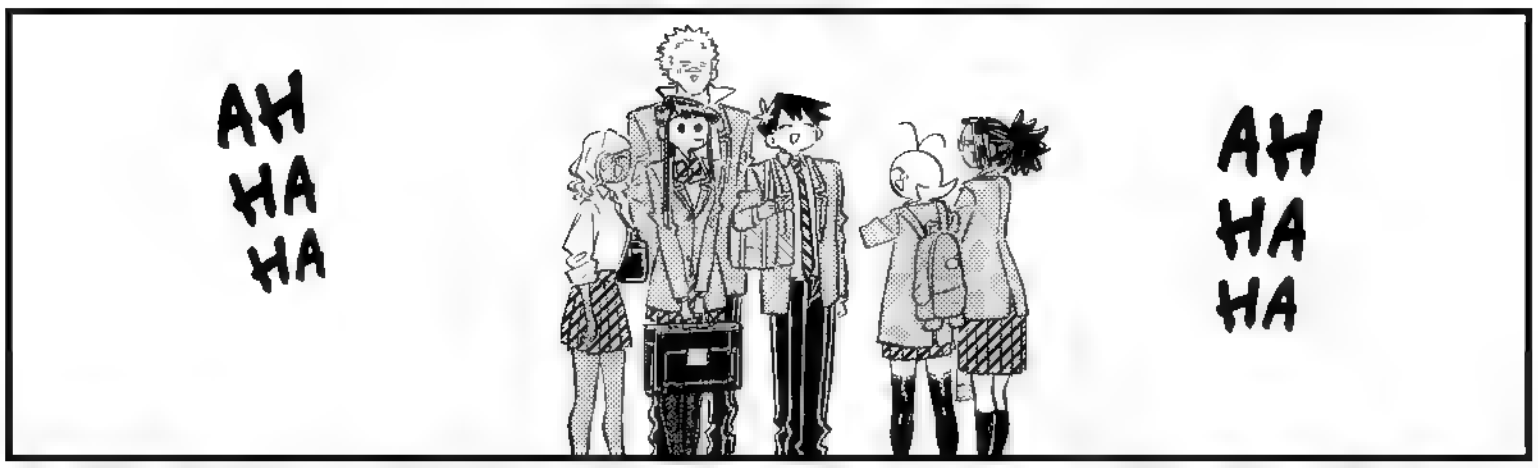
...
GRR
SALT AND PEPPER ...

OR SAUCE?
SNIFF
MUNCH

It's delicious!!
BABMP BABMP
TADANO IS EATING MEAT!!
?!







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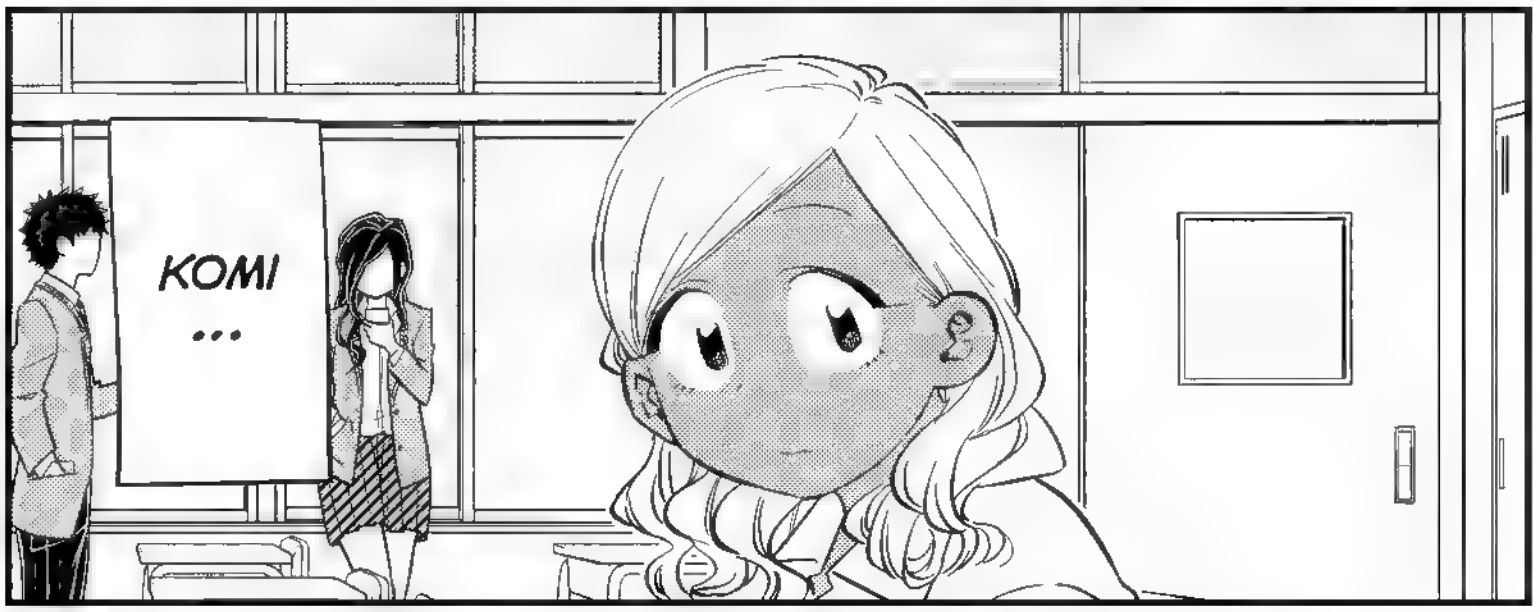


Komi Can't Communicate
DOG BOWL
Communication 140: Manbagi's Friends

...WANNA GO BOWLING?

UM...

VR

R

R

R

OH

KLATTER

I BET KOMI IMAGINED BORING FOR A GEOLOGICAL SURVEY...

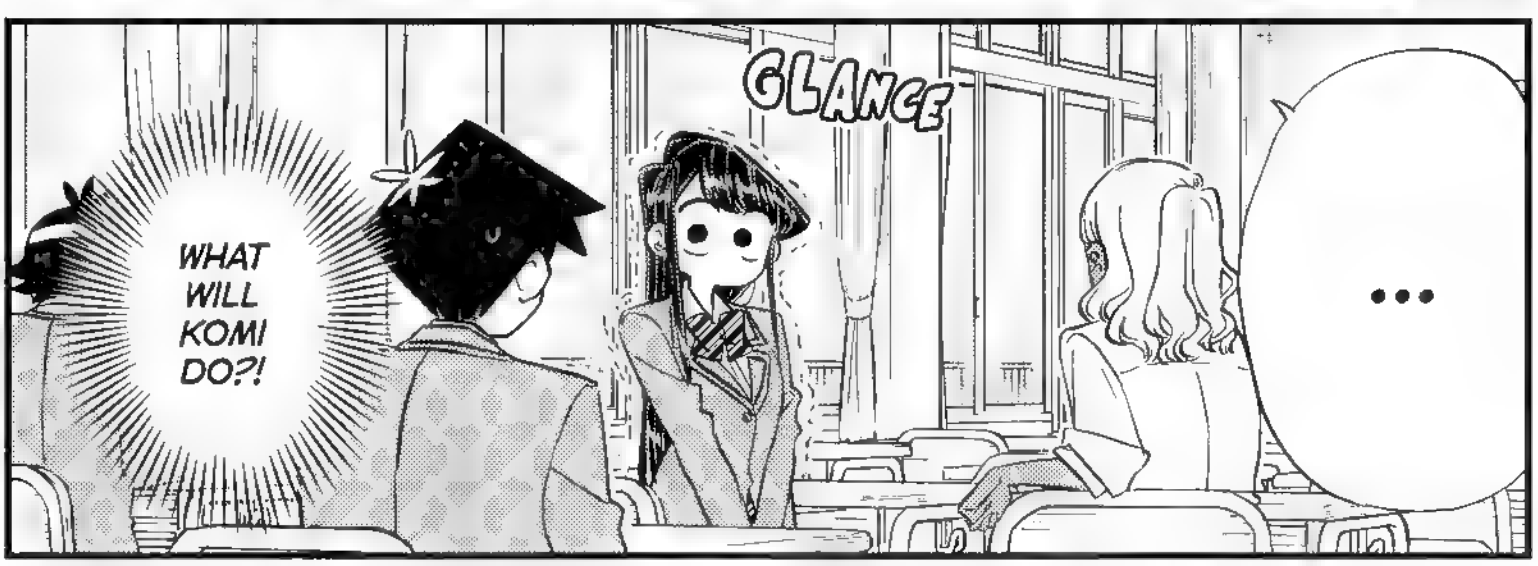
NOD NOD

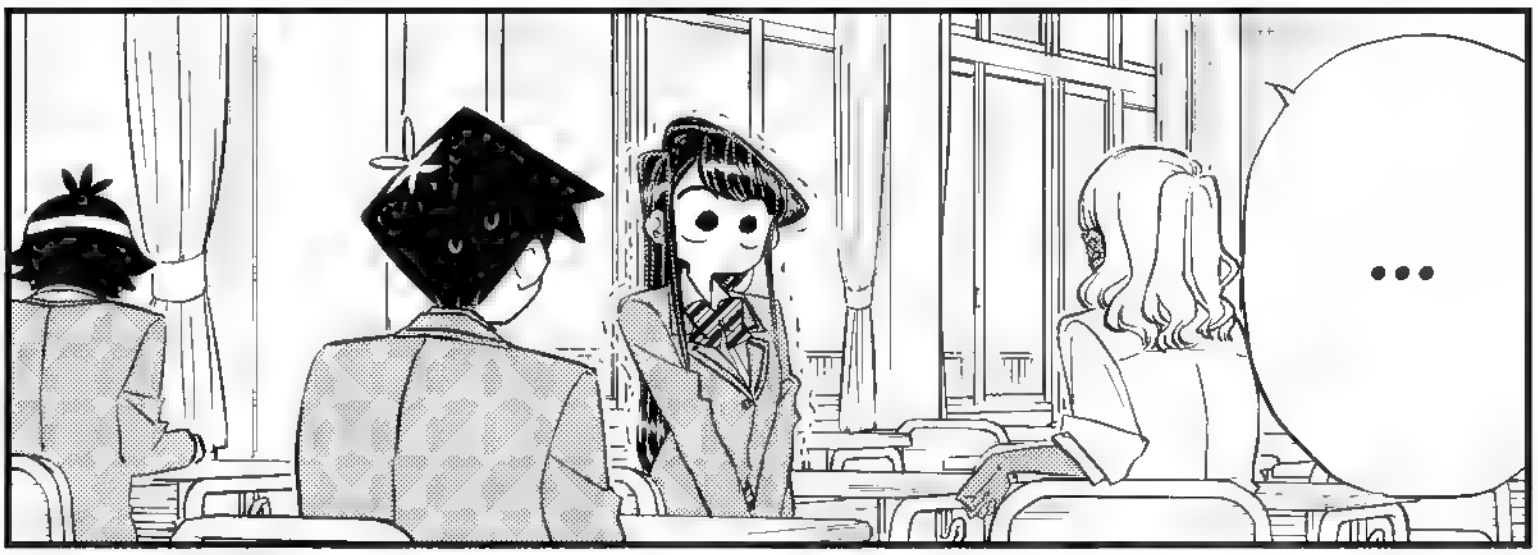
PHEW

"I've always wanted to go."

!!

?!
That's okay, right?
MY FAM IS GONNA COME TOO!

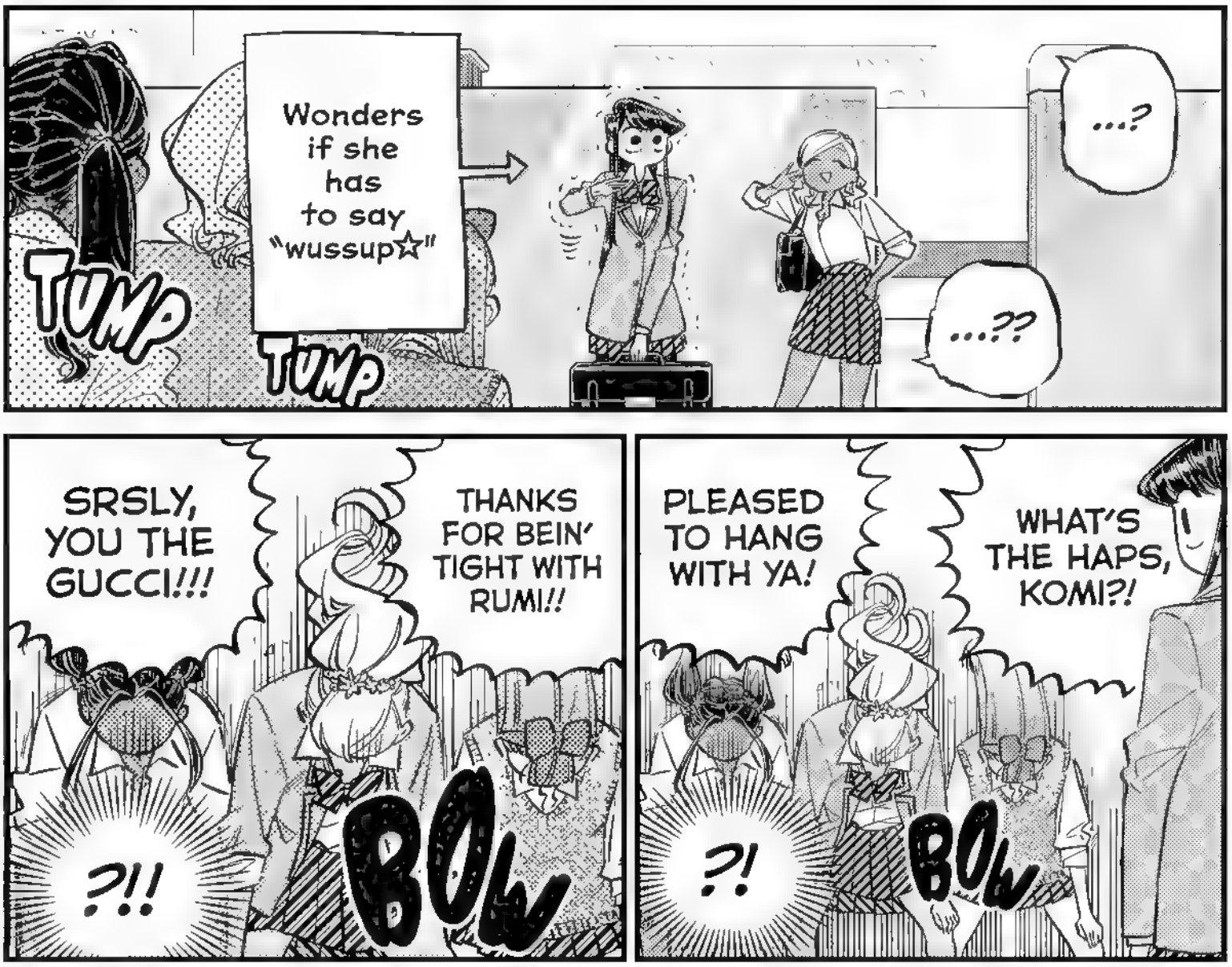

WHAT WILL KOMI DO?!
GLANCE
...

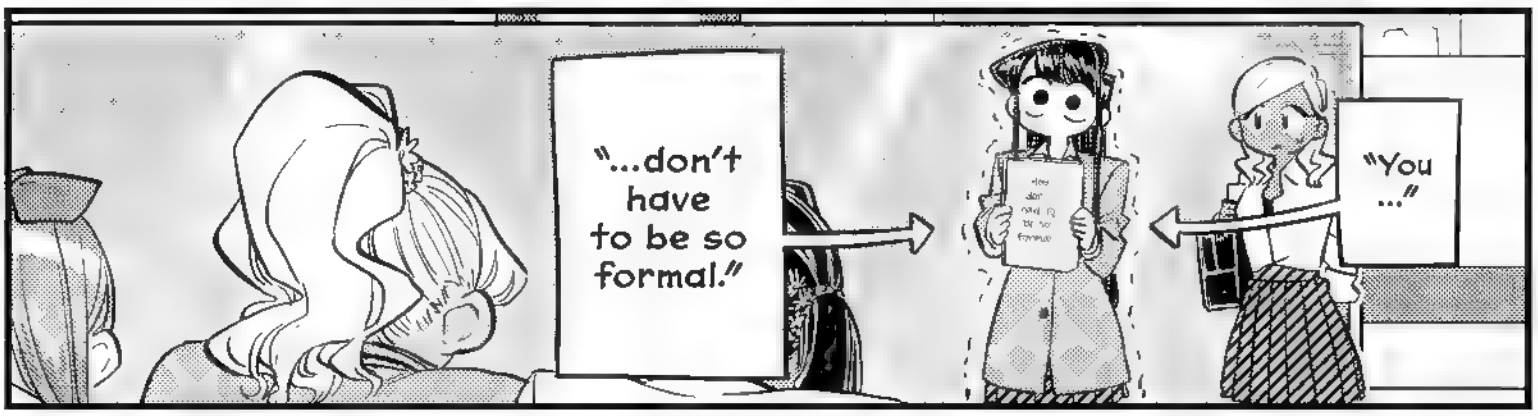

...

MAYBE I SHOULD FOLLOW THEM...
Can't refuse
N-N-N... NOD-NOD... NOD
...

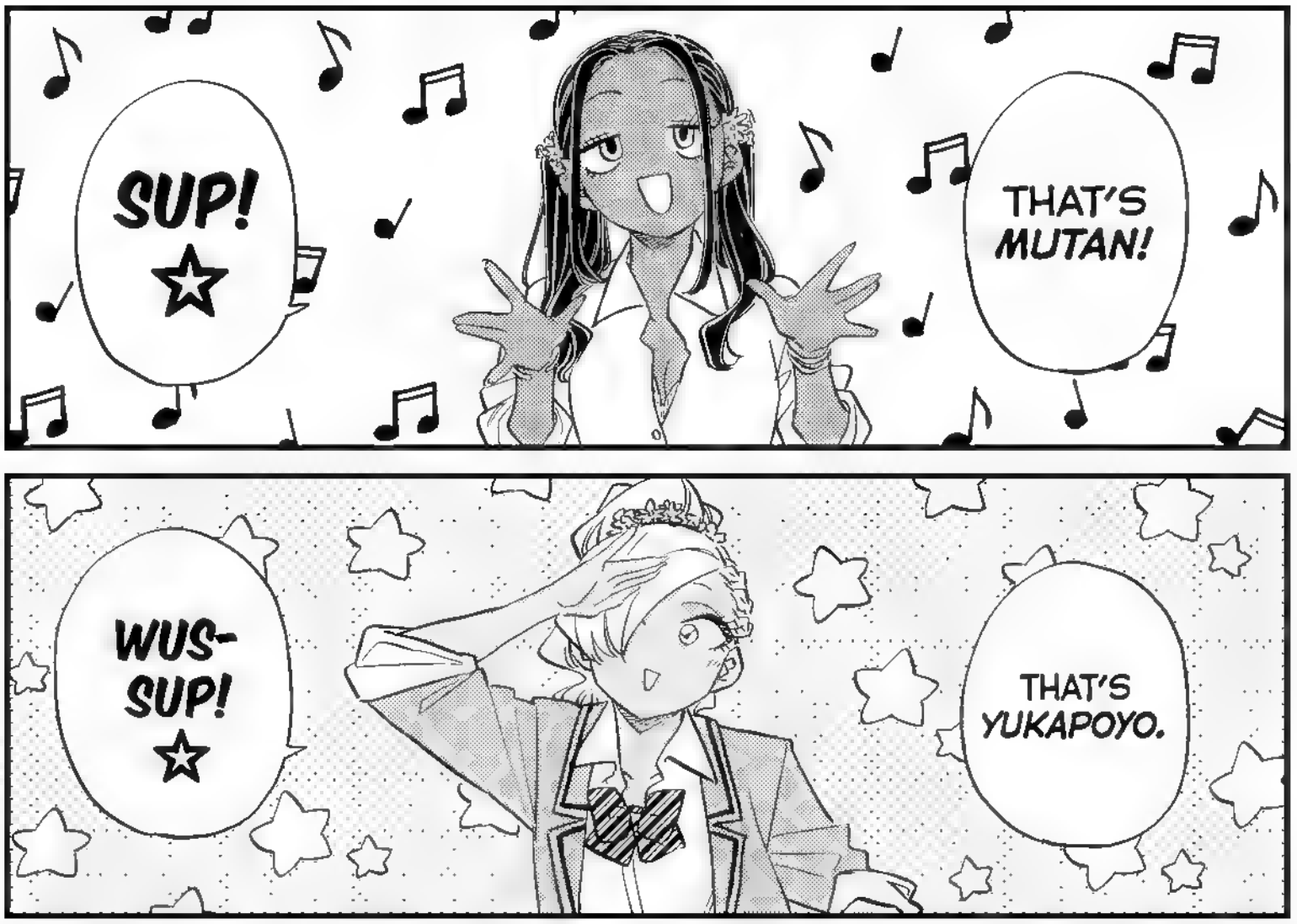
Bowl-
ing
alley
!
WUSSUP,
BAGIKO?
☆
You
okay?

!!
WUSSUP☆
!!!
WUSSUP☆
WUS-
SUP,
GIRLS?
☆

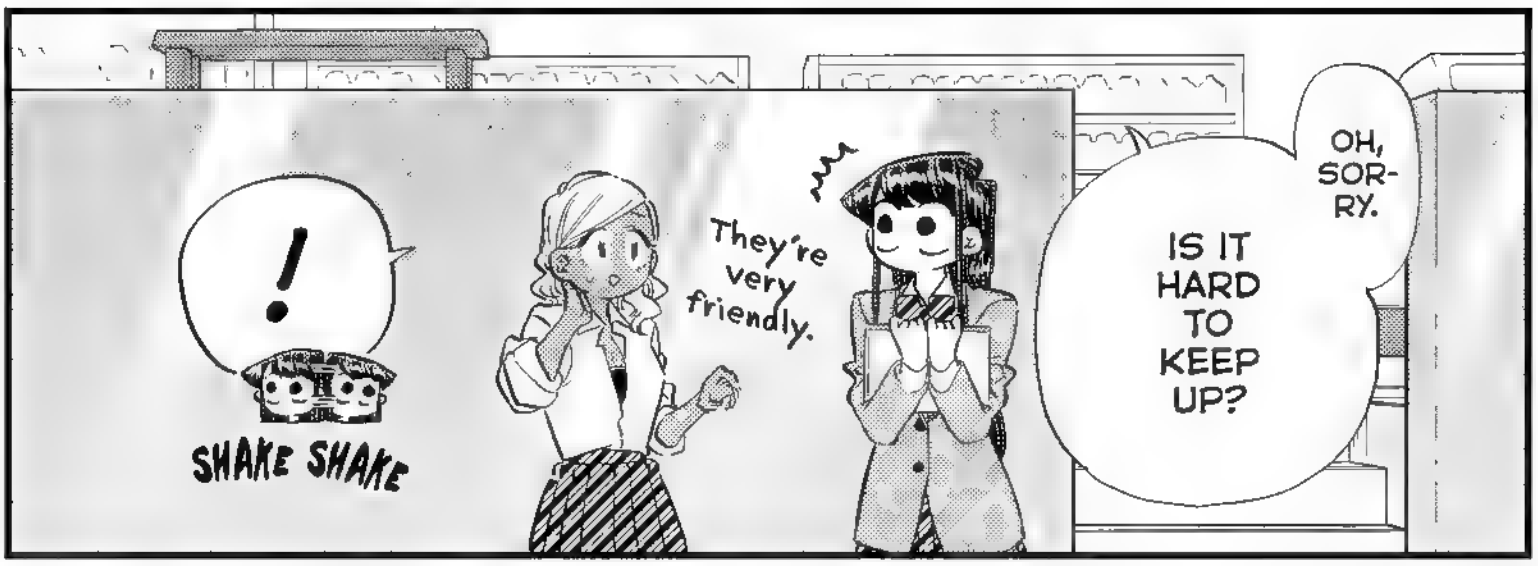

TUMP
TUMP
Wonders if she has to say "wussup☆"
...?
...??
SRSLY, YOU THE GUCCI!!!
?!!
THANKS FOR BEIN' TIGHT WITH RUMI!!
BOW
PLEASED TO HANG WITH YA!
?!
WHAT'S THE HAPS, KOMI?!
BOW

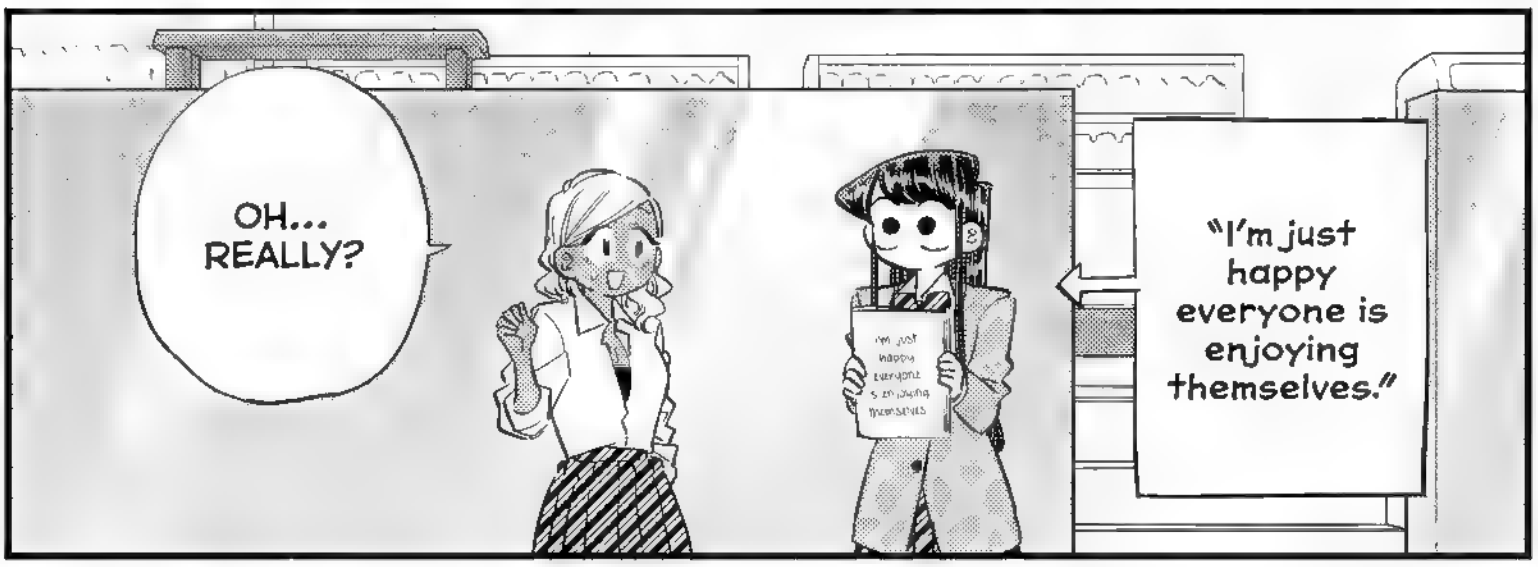

"...don't have to be so formal."
"You ..."

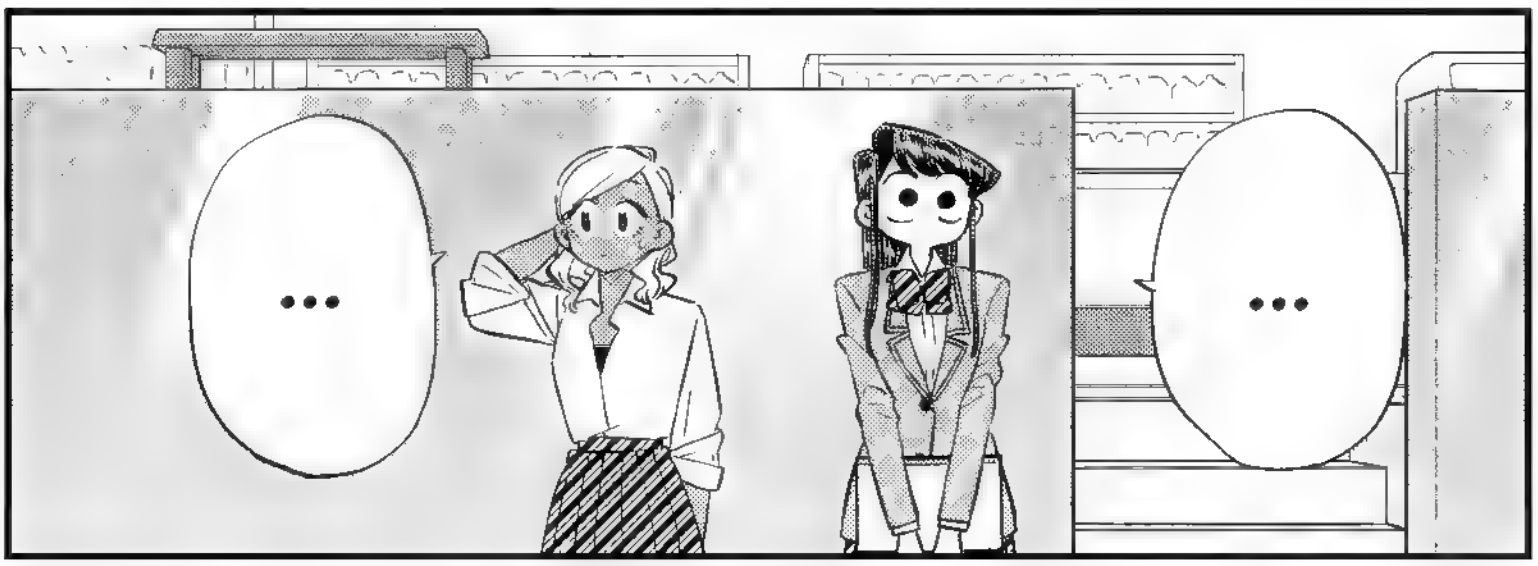
GYARU☆
GYARU☆
?!?!
You don't have to be so formal.
Shoko-taso ☆
SRSLY? OKAY, COOL. WE BE FAM, SHOKOTASO! ☆


SUP!
THAT'S MUTAN!
WUS-SUP!
THAT'S YUKAPOYO.

Has a voice like this
?!
FW UMP
PUMPED TO MEET-CHA!
BOO-YAH!!
AND THAT'S GON-ZALES!
Can't keep up
...???
IT'S SRSLY HUSKY!!
KYAHA
AH HA HA! THAT VOICE SLAYS ME!
HAHA


!
SHAKE SHAKE
They're very friendly.
OH, SOR-RY.
IS IT HARD TO KEEP UP?


OH... REALLY?
"I'm just happy everyone is enjoying themselves."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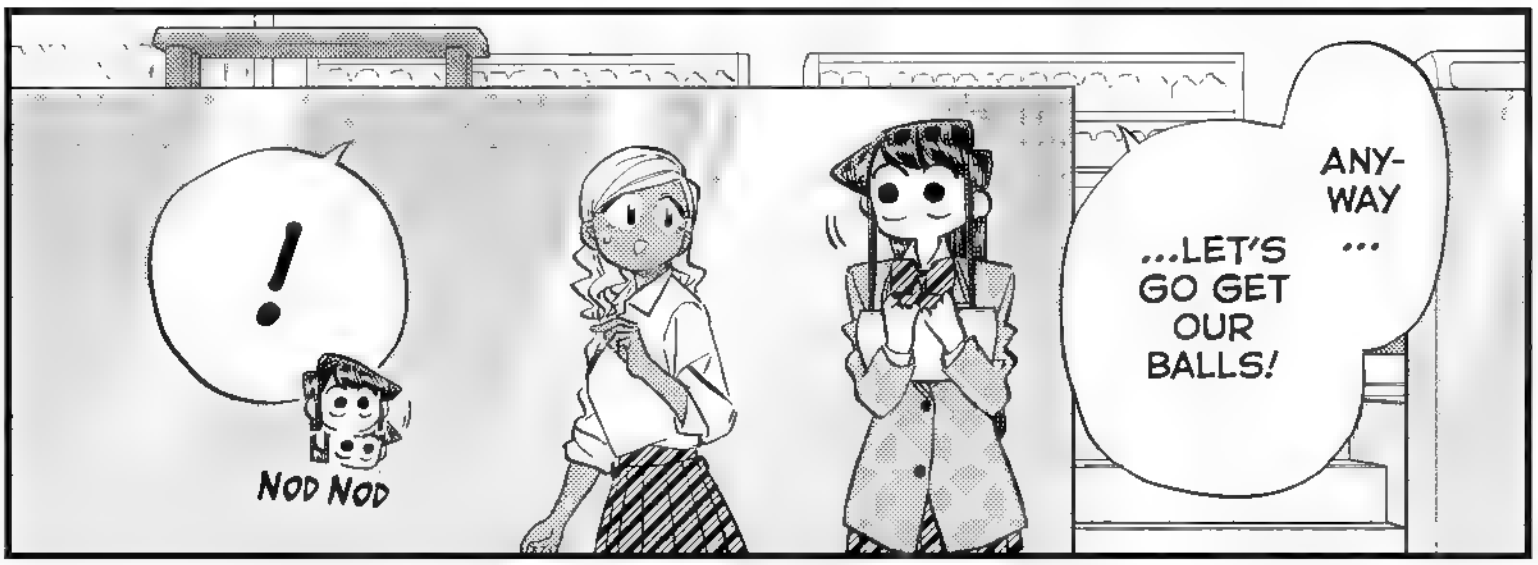
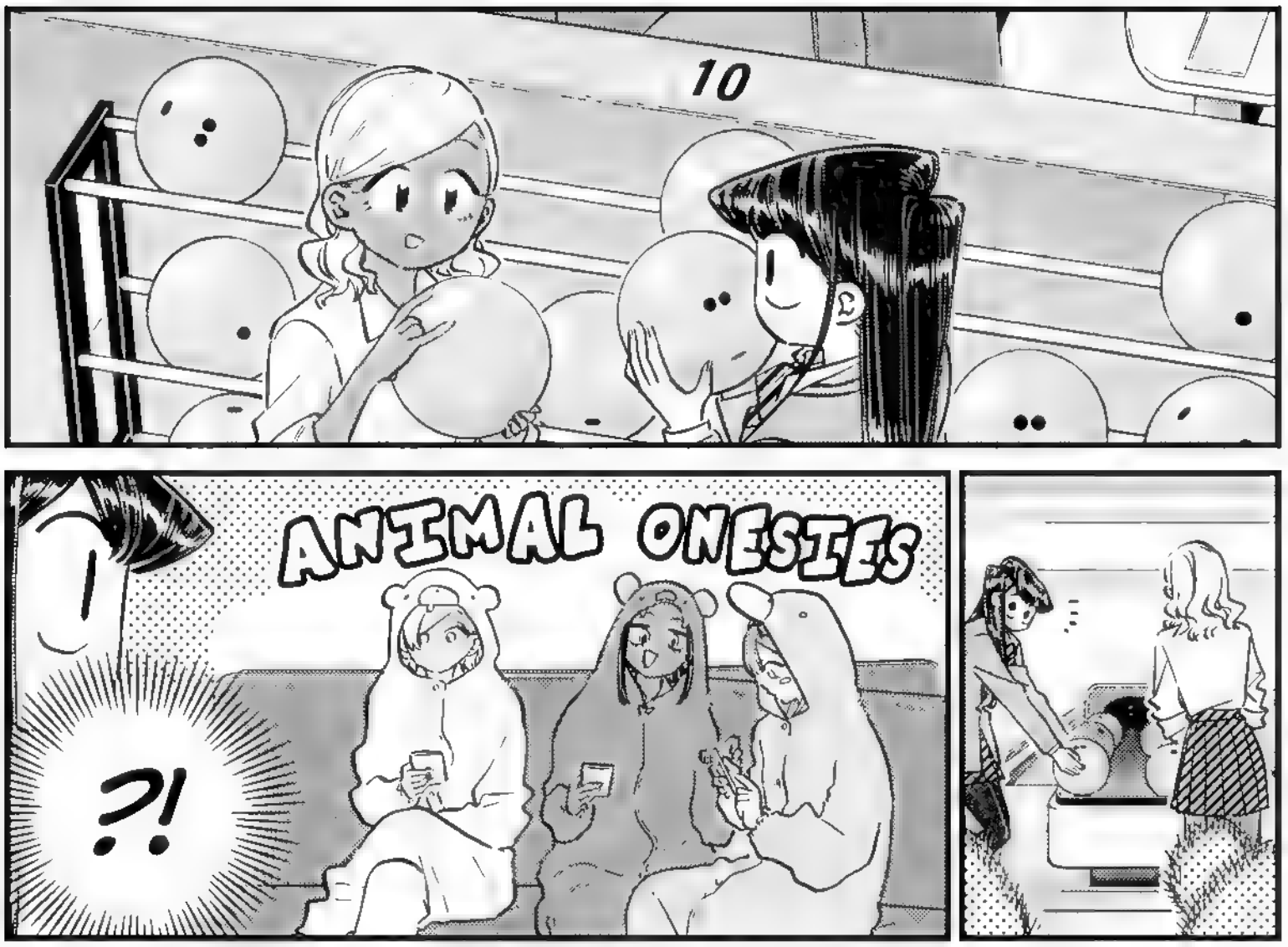

!
NOD NOD
ANY-WAY ...
...LET'S GO GET OUR BALLS!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ANIMAL ONESIES
?!
?!
STAARE
?!
TADAAH
HERE'S YOURS, SHOKOTASO.

HMF HMF

PWIK PWIK

Sort of suits her, no?

I'M A BOWLING PHE-NOM!!

KLATTER

STRIKE!

JITTERRR

YAY!

WHSH

!!

SHOCK

Has never done it before

HA HA! SUCK AT HIGH FIVES MUCH, SHOKO-TASO?

YAAAY!

SMACK

YA AY!

SMACK

STRIKE!

I BET SHOKOTASO ROCKS THE ALLEY!

STRIKE!

I TOTES GET THAT!

Komi's turn

First ball

TOTTER TOTTER

?!

KOMI ?!

SLIP

Trying again

TOTTER TOTTER TOTTER

KOMI ?!

?!

CLUNK

ROLLLLL

...!!

AHHAHAHAHA

AH HA HA! SHOKOTASO REEKS AT BOWLING !!

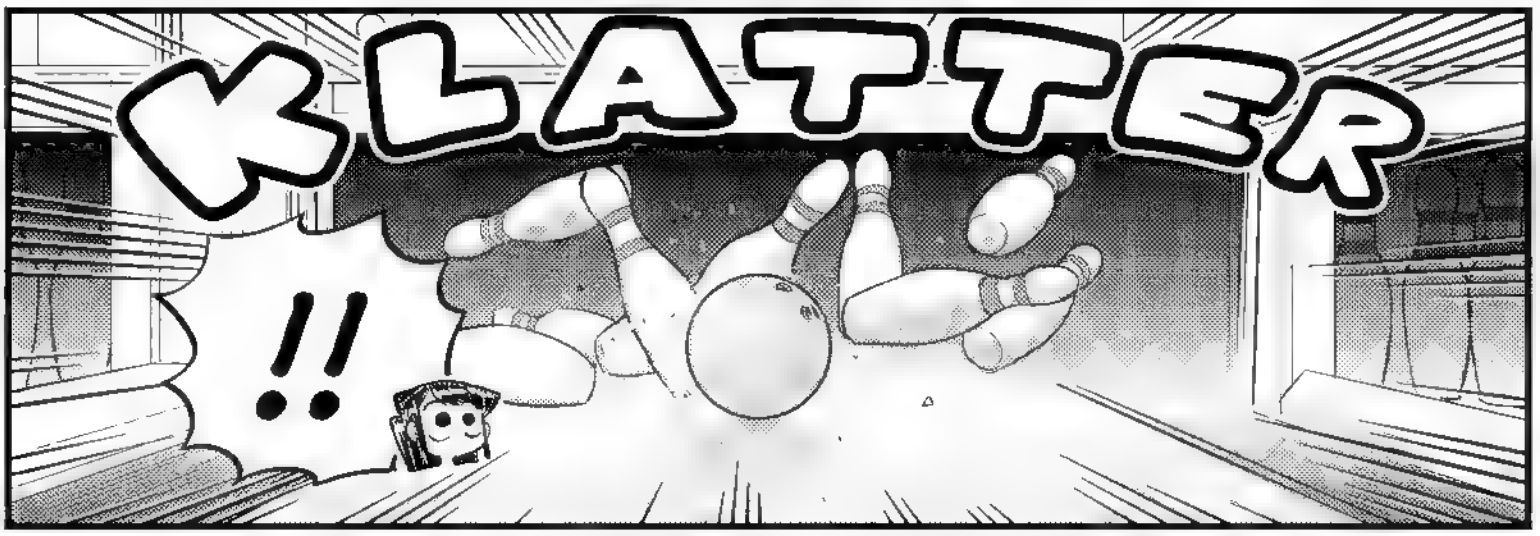
NOD

...

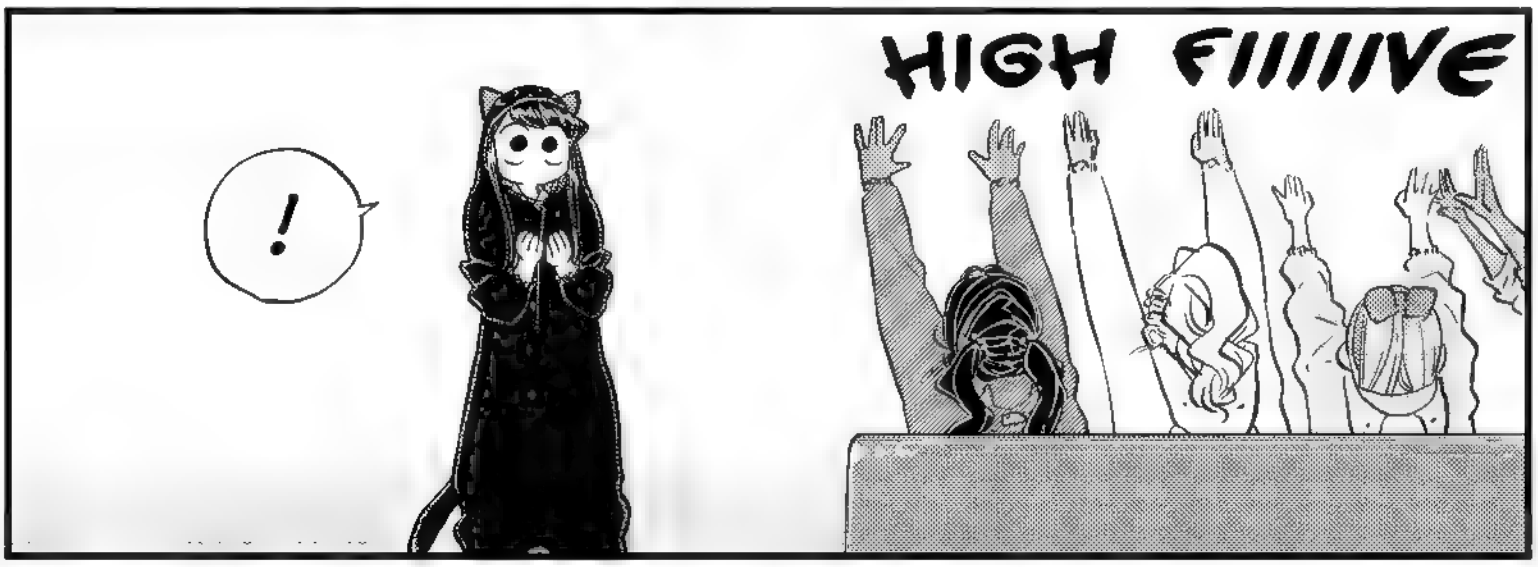
YOU SHOULD'VE SAID SO!

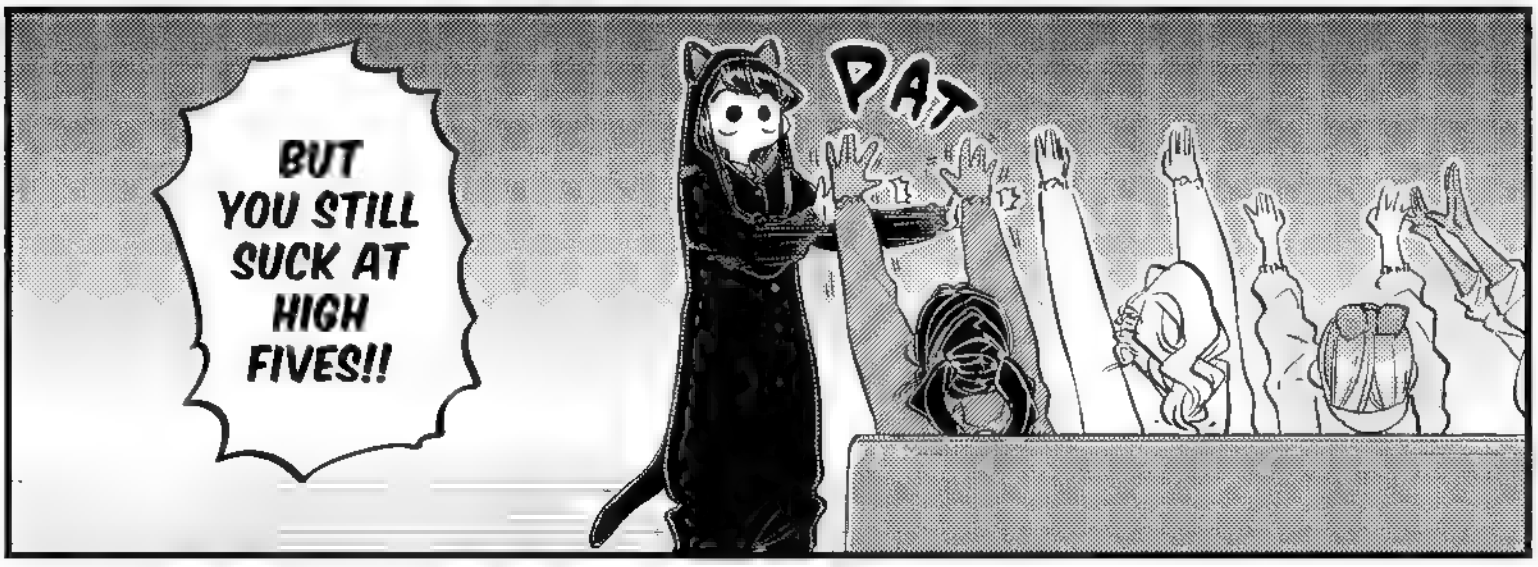
I'll teach you!!

LET ME GUESS. YOU'VE NEVER BOWLED BEFORE.


KLATTER
!!

BLUSH BLUSH
YOU DA BOSS-EST!
?
YAH☆
YOU KILLED IT! ☆
YOU LEARN FAST!
YAH☆


!
HIGH FIIIIVE


BUT YOU STILL SUCK AT HIGH FIVES!!
PAT

Ah ha ha! Good luck with that!

This strike's for Shokotaso!

Umph!

WHEW

No! She belongs to me!

Hey, Shokotaso? Um...

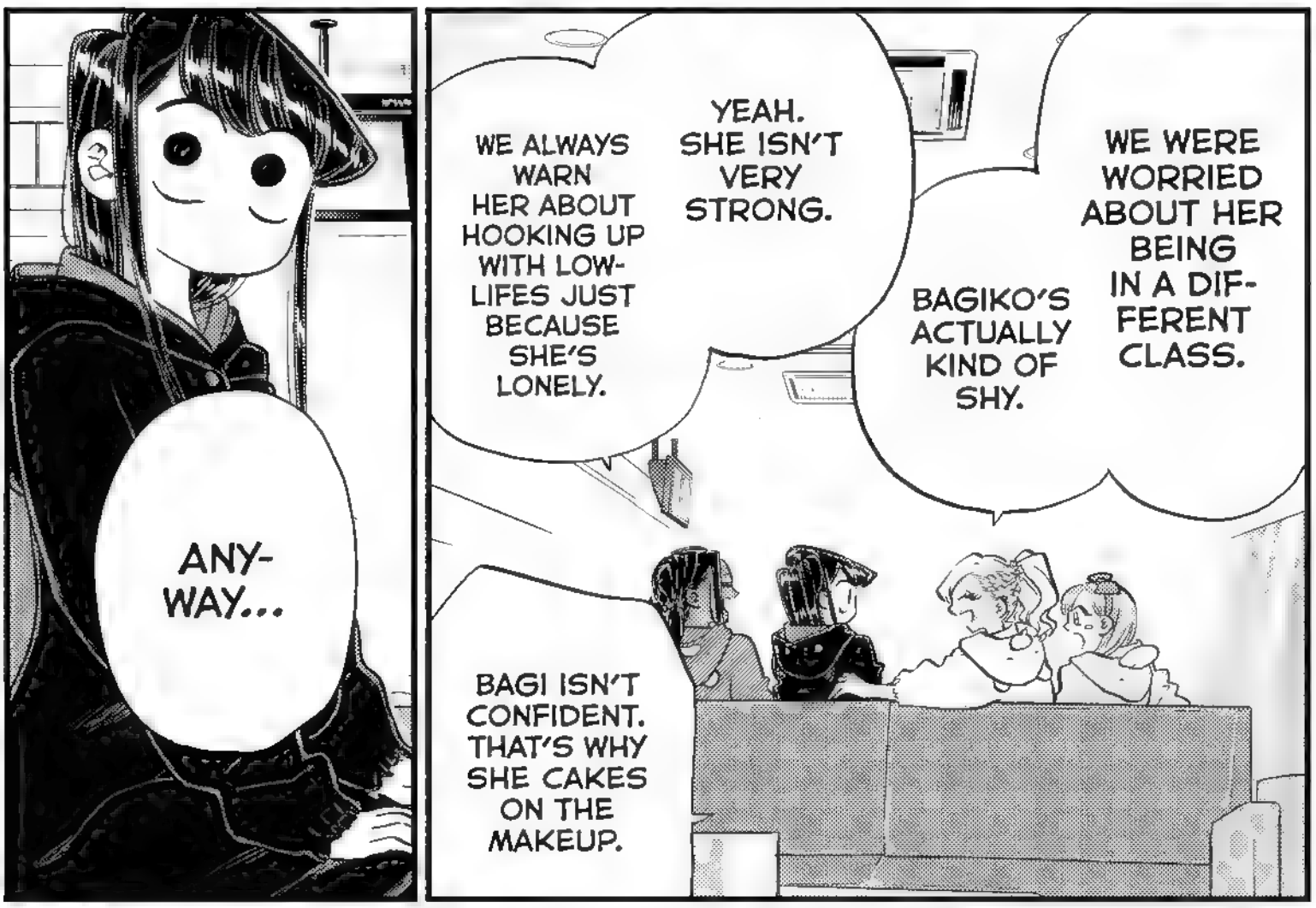
NO. AND WHADDAYA MEAN "AGAIN" ?!

GOTTA POOP AGAIN?

I NEED A POTTY BREAK.

!

SHOKOTASO
...
!
...THANKS FOR BEING RUMIKO'S FRIEND.


ANY-WAY...
WE ALWAYS WARN HER ABOUT HOOKING UP WITH LOW-LIFES JUST BECAUSE SHE'S LONELY.
YEAH. SHE ISN'T VERY STRONG.
BAGIKO'S ACTUALLY KIND OF SHY.
WE WERE WORRIED ABOUT HER BEING IN A DIF-FERENT CLASS.
BAGI ISN'T CONFIDENT. THAT'S WHY SHE CAKES ON THE MAKEUP.

...WITH SOMEONE LIKE YOU.

...WE'RE GLAD SHE MADE FRIENDS...

Writing something

Sitting down again

Getting her notebook

...TOO.

I'm glad she's my friend.

I...

I'M GLAD...

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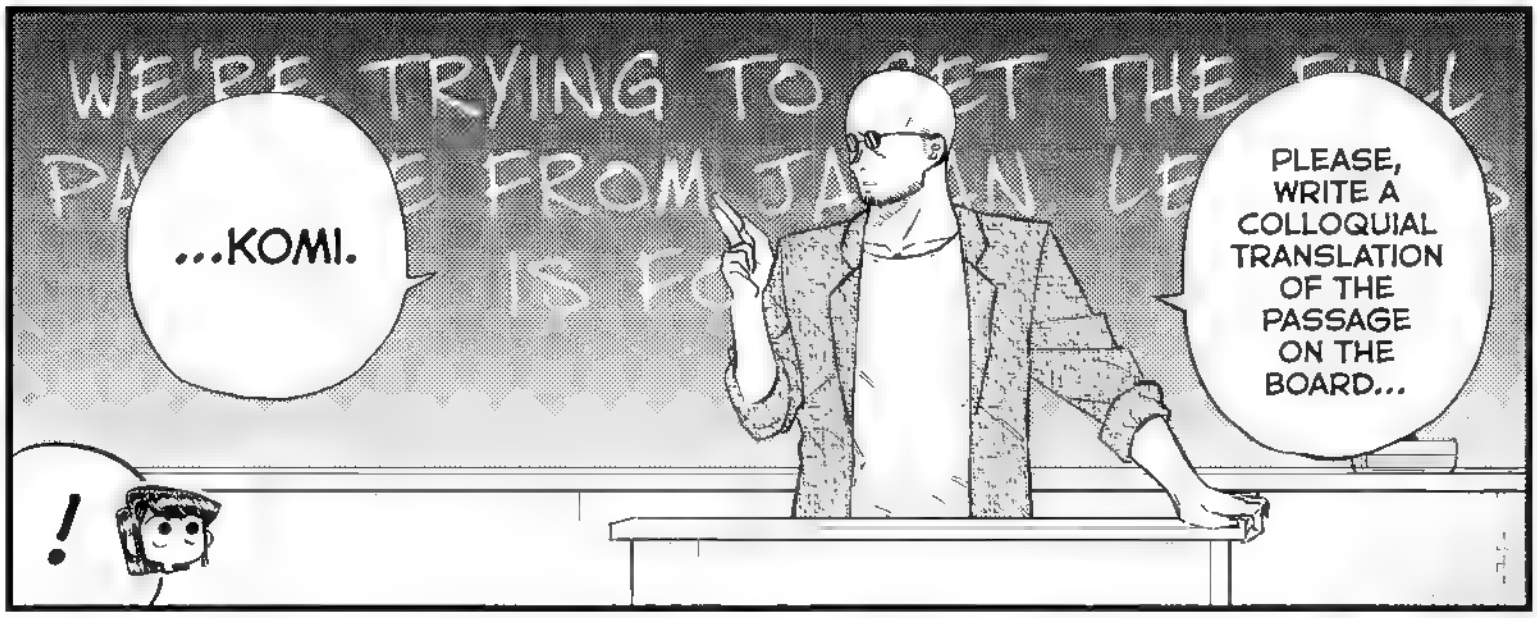
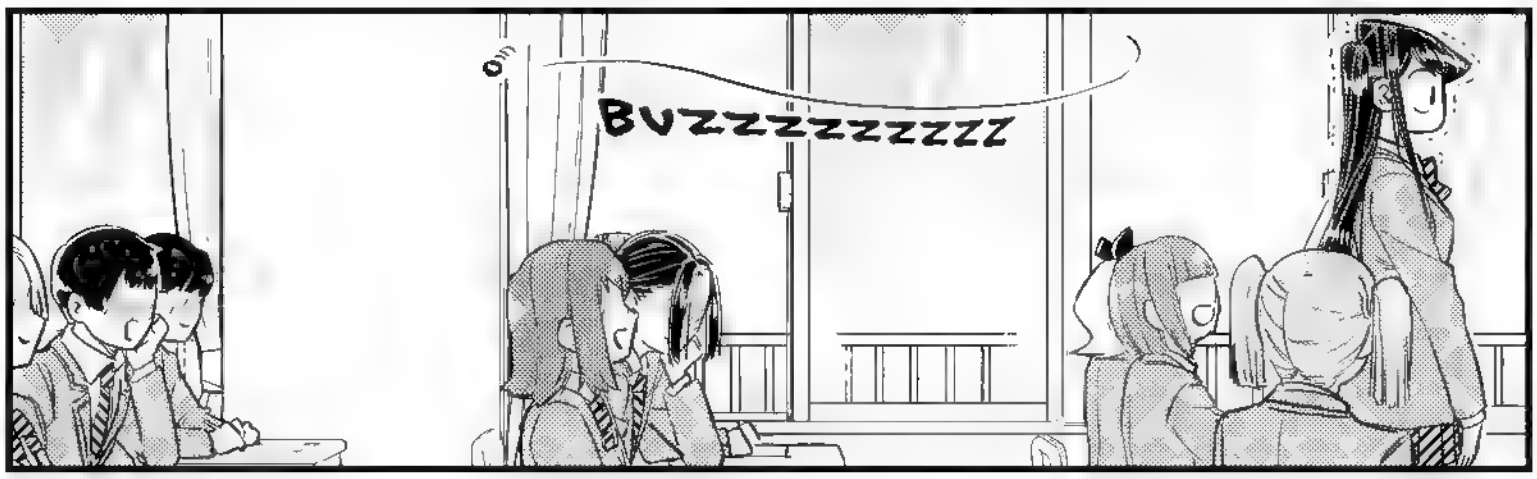
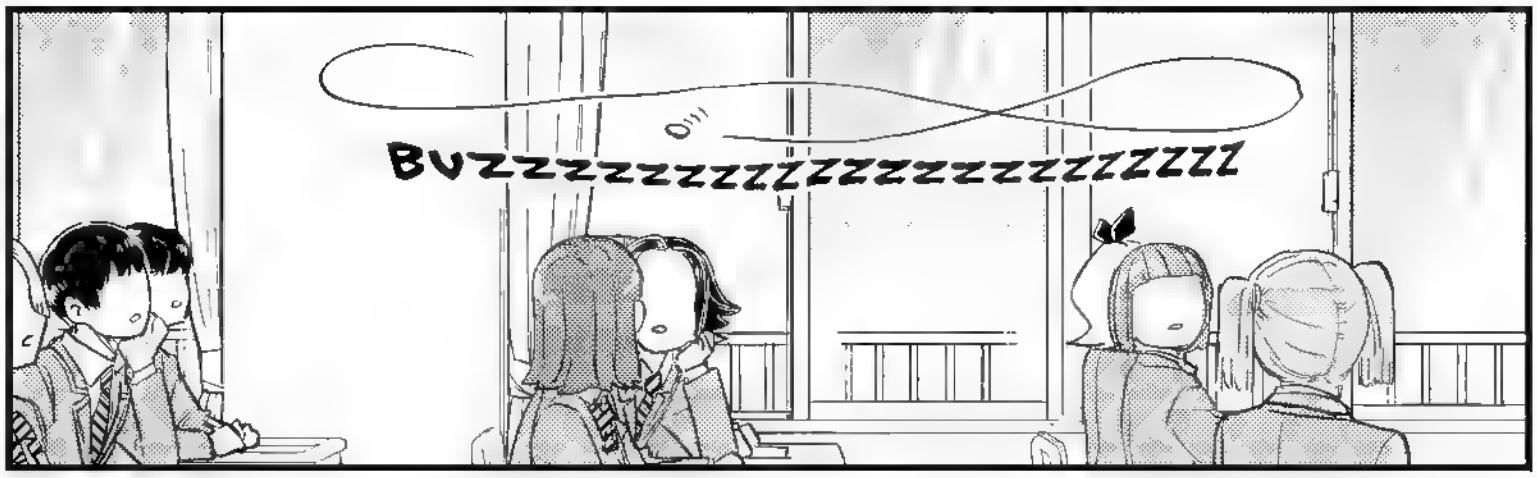
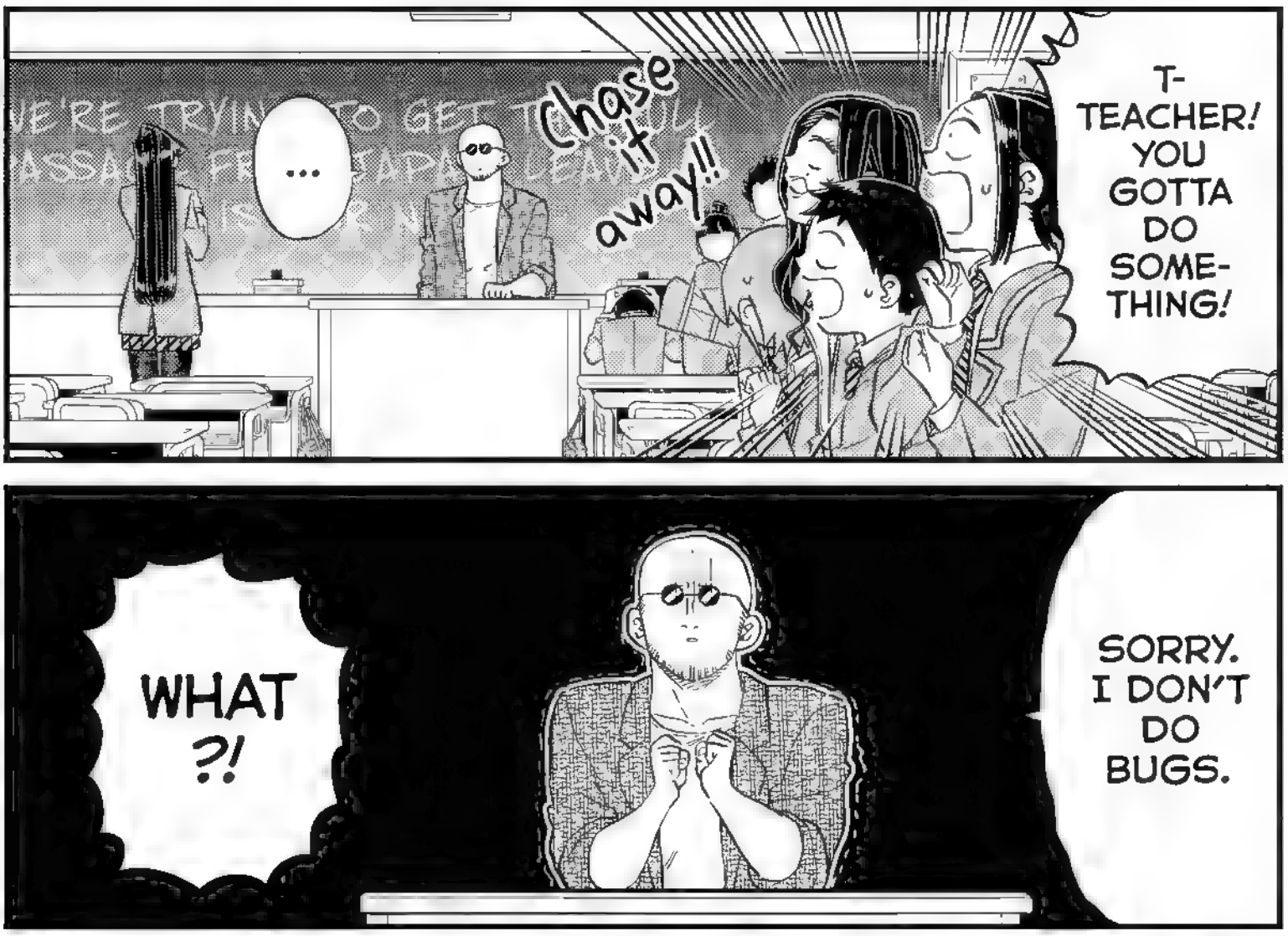






Communication 141: Bug


...
Chase it away!!
T-TEACHER! YOU GOTTA DO SOME-THING!
WHAT ?!
SORRY. I DON'T DO BUGS.

PLOINK
BUZZZZZZZZZZ
HEH... IT'S JUST AN INSECT.
*He's trying to stay cool while everyone panics.
BUZZZ
NARUSE ?!
Faint-ed

Grah!!

HE'LL BE FINE! KATAI'S A TOTAL DELIN-QUENT!

HE'LL SWAT IT AND–

SNNGB

IT'S FLYING TOWARD KATAI!!

KATAI ?!

Already fainted

BUZZZZZZZ

RUN, KOMI, RUUUUUN !!

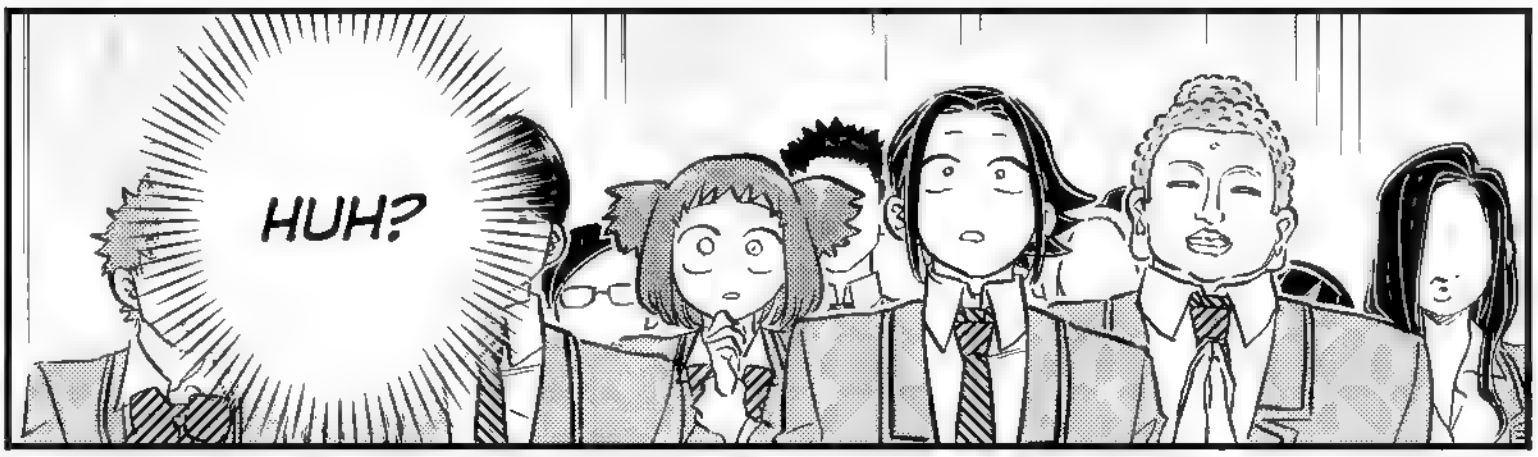
SNNGB

OH NO! IT'S HEADED FOR KOMI!!

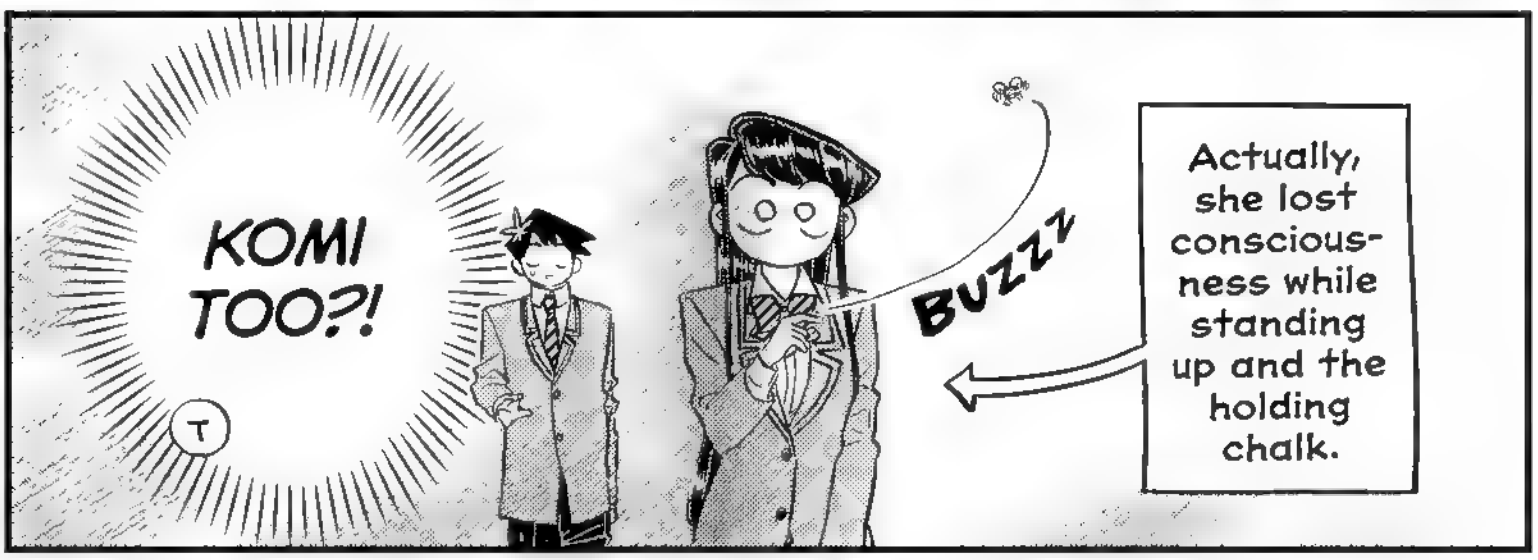
POINK

GET KO'D!

BUZZZZZZZ


HUH?

SHE CHER-ISHES EVEN A BUG'S LIFE!
AND IT'S LOVELY!!


KOMI TOO?!
BUZZZ
Actually, she lost consciousness while standing up and the holding chalk.

?!?!

BUZZZZZZZZZ

FWOOF

NOW IT'S IN MANBAGI'S HAIR!!

...

No way! Get it off me!!!

KYA AAIII EEE EE!!

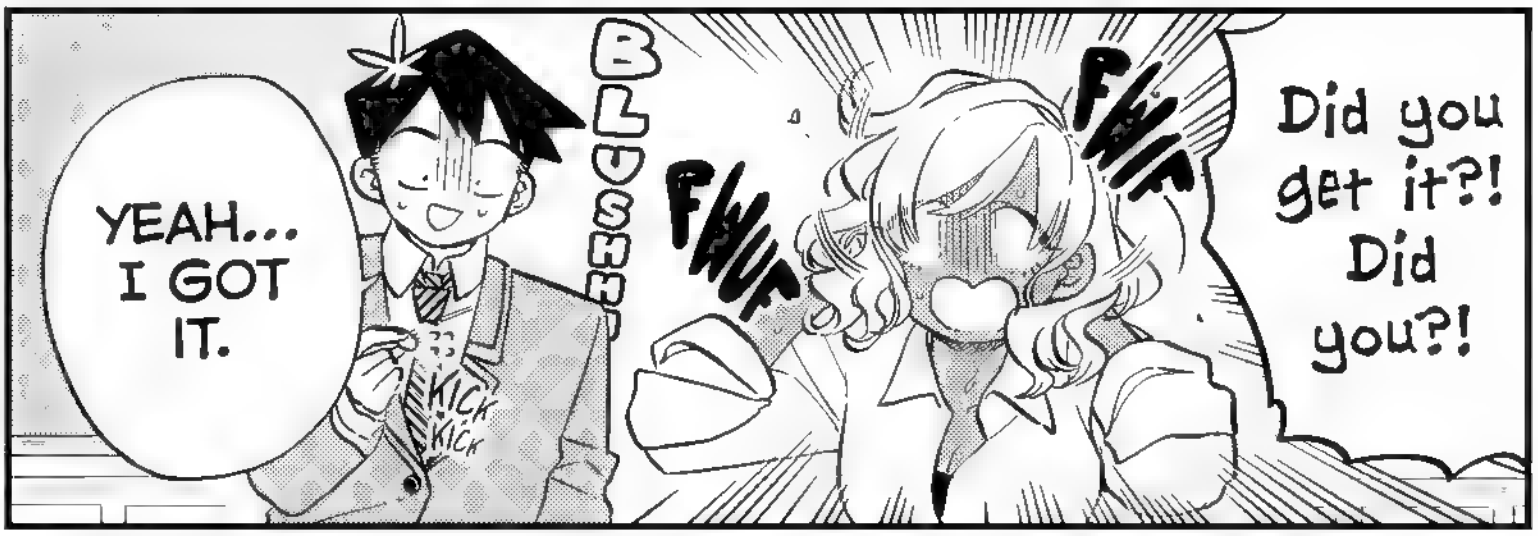
Do it fast! Fast fast fast fast fast!

Actually not that okay with bugs

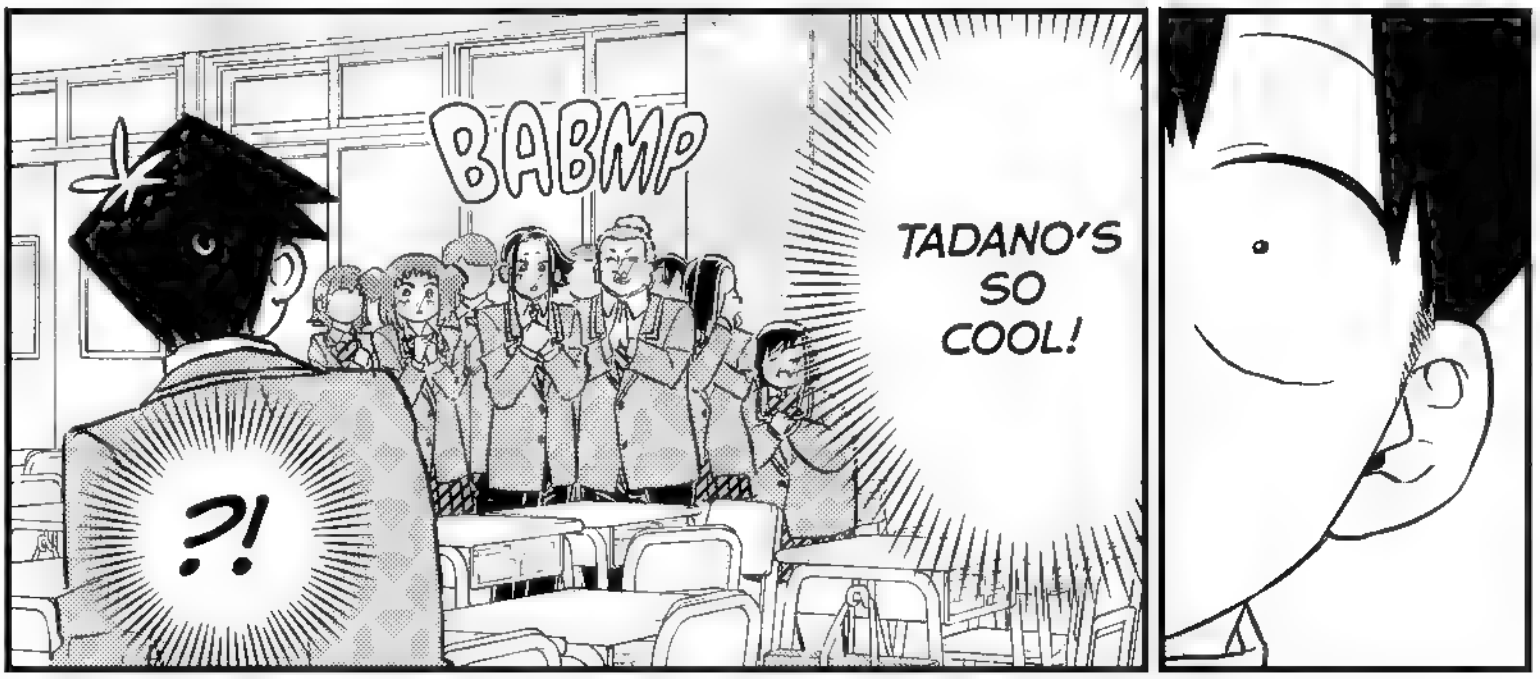
I'LL GET IT SO...

D-DON'T MOVE, MANBAGI!

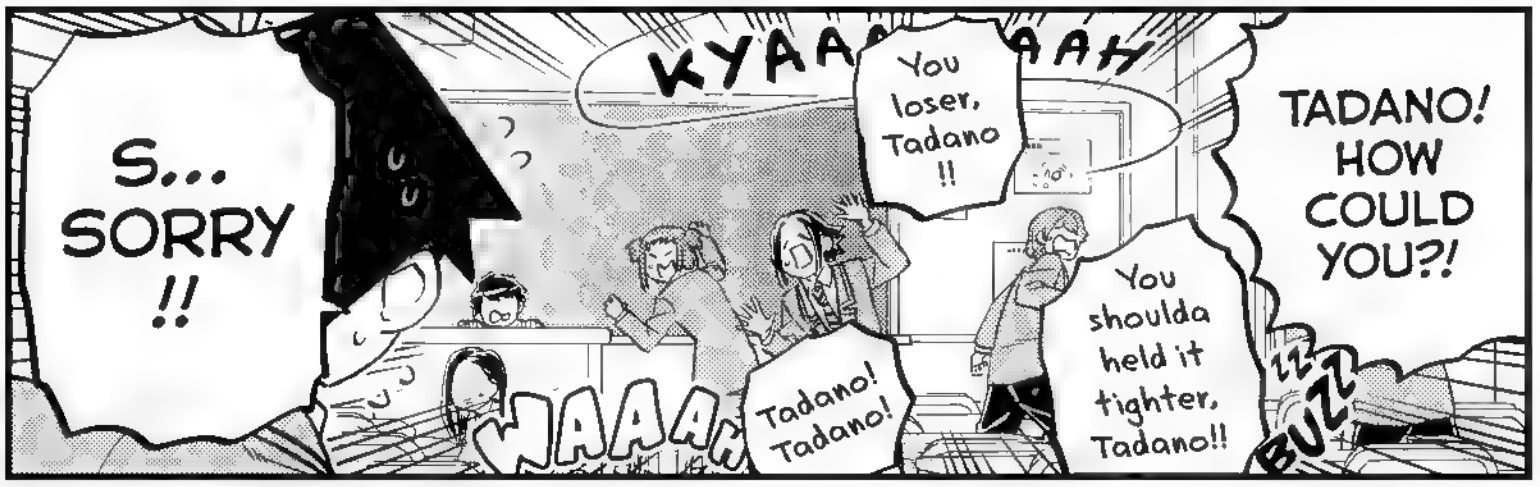
SWUF

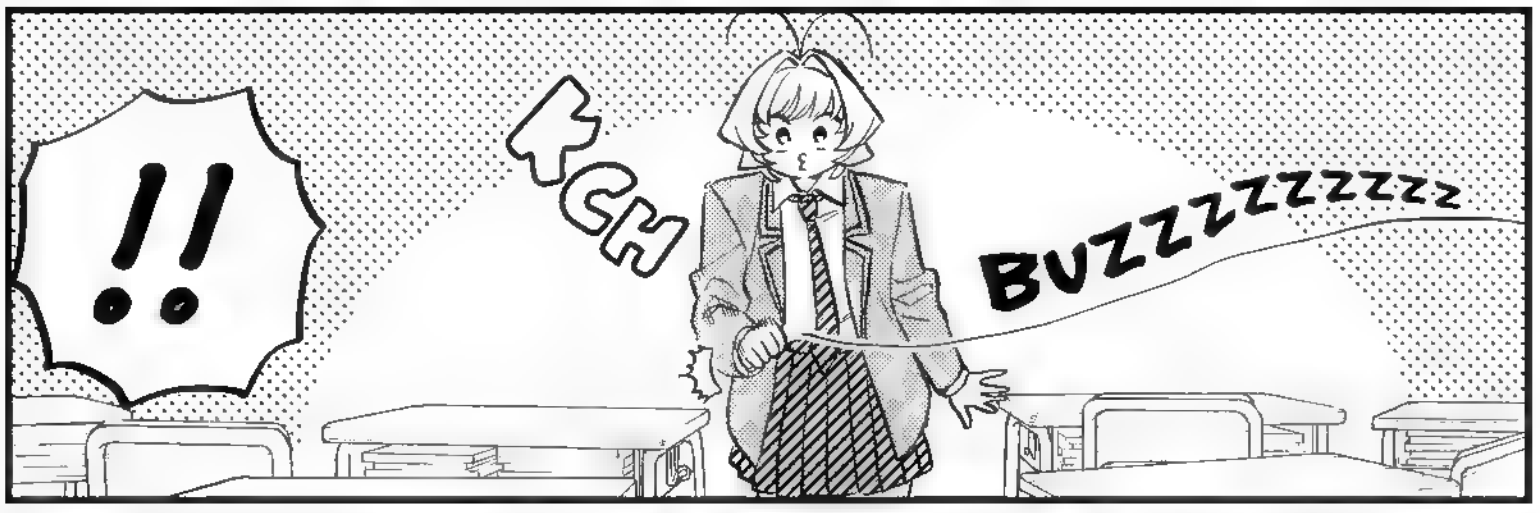

YEAH... I GOT IT.
KICK KICK
BLUSH!
FWIP
FWIP
Did you get it?! Did you?!

OH...
...THANKS.

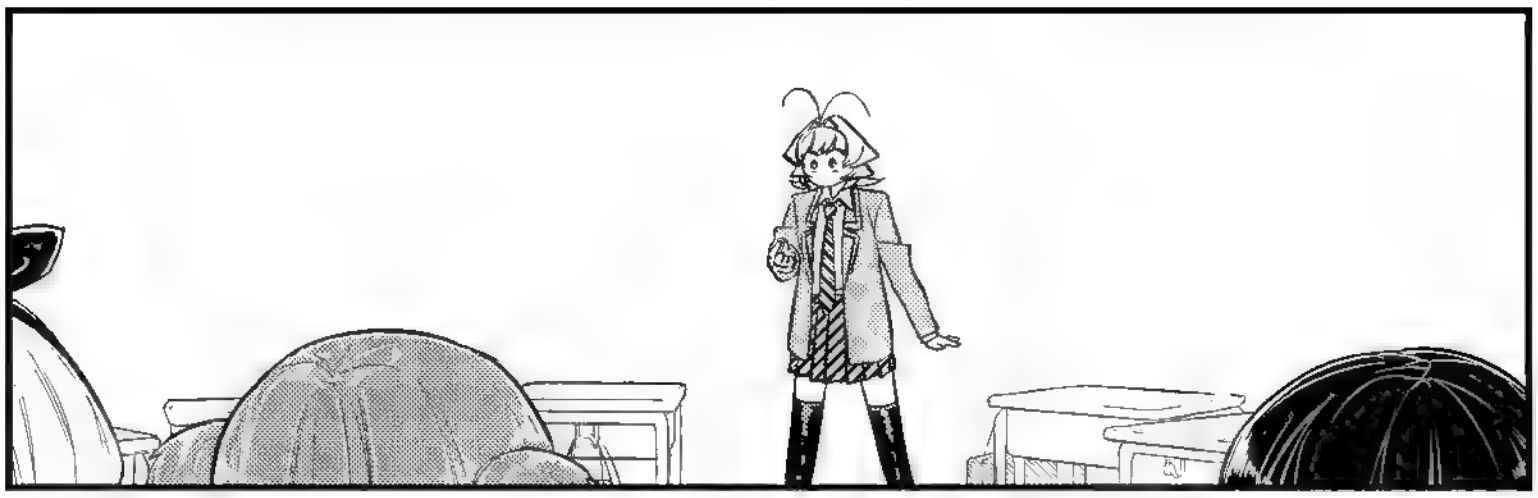

BABMP
?!
TADANO'S SO COOL!

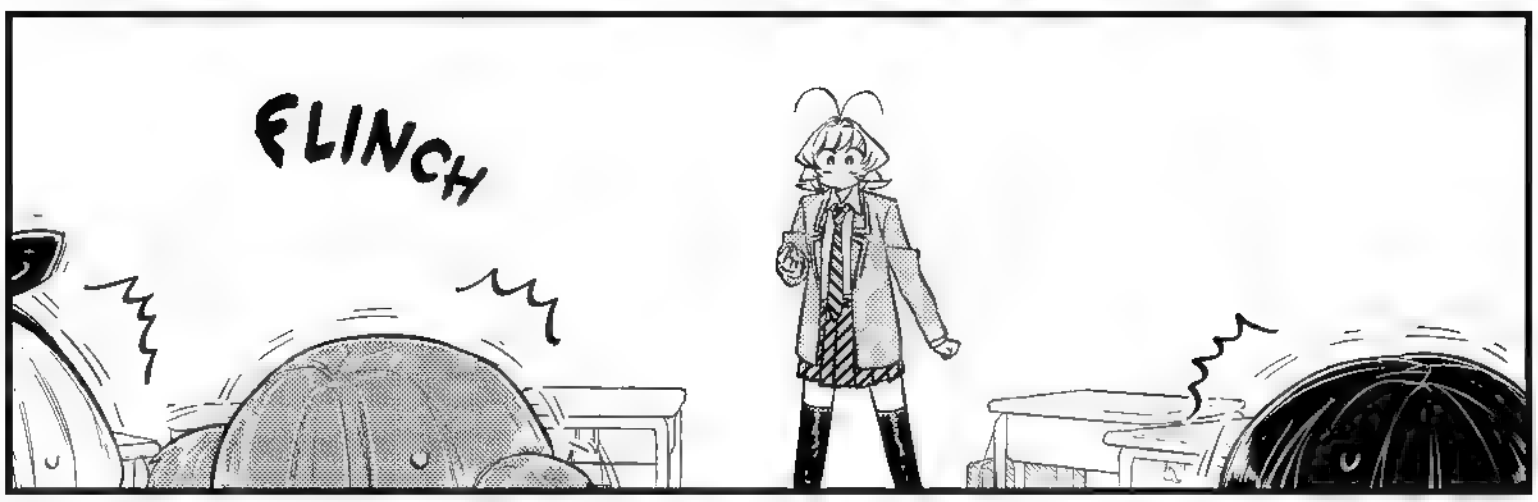
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR, TADANO?!
Classmates
OOPS ...
BUZZZ
SLIP


S... SORRY !!
KYAAA
AAH
You loser, Tadano !!
TADANO! HOW COULD YOU?!
WAAAH
Tadano! Tadano!
You shoulda held it tighter, Tadano!!
ZZ BUZZ


!!
KCH
BUZZZZZZZZZZ

NAJIMI !!
Fine with bugs.
POKE
Ah ha ha! It's a drone beetle. It won't hurt you!
BABMP





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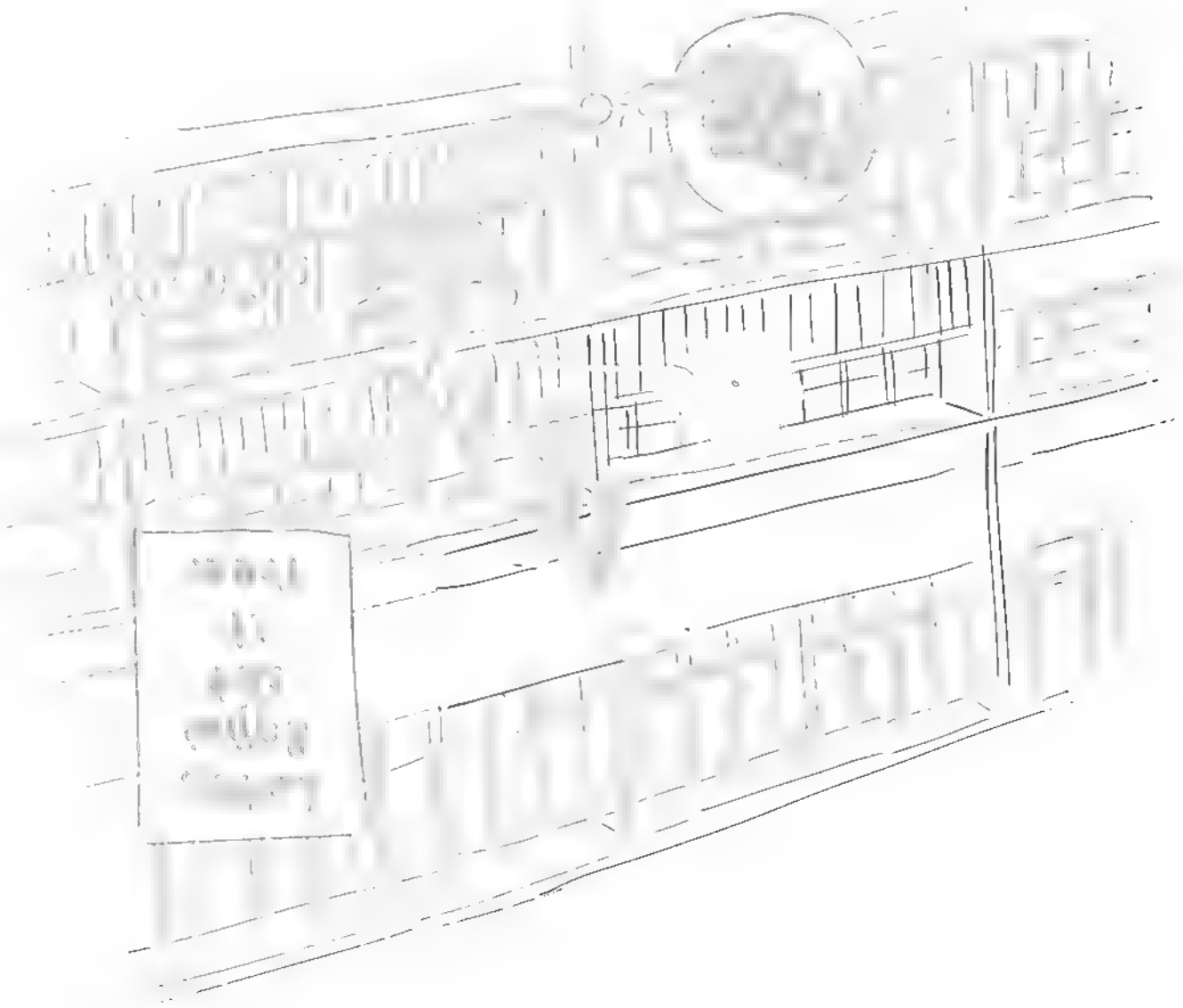

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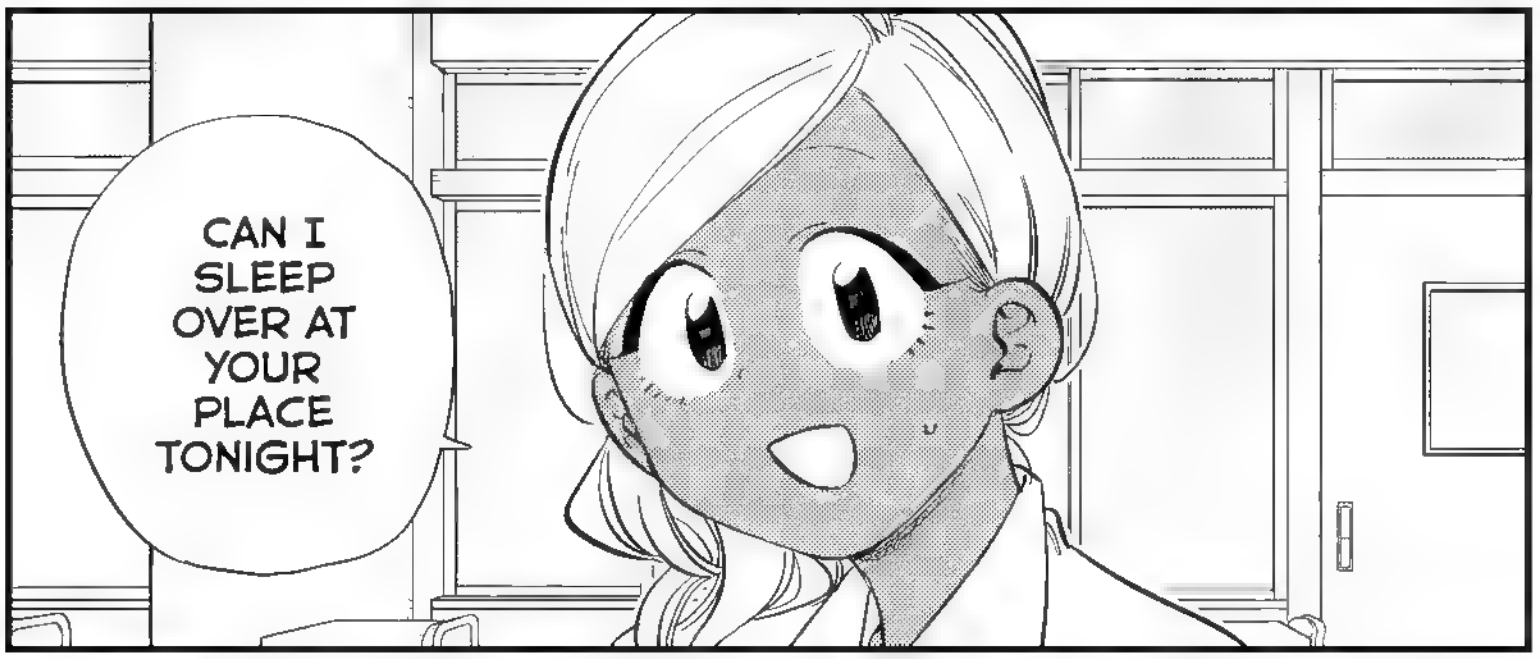
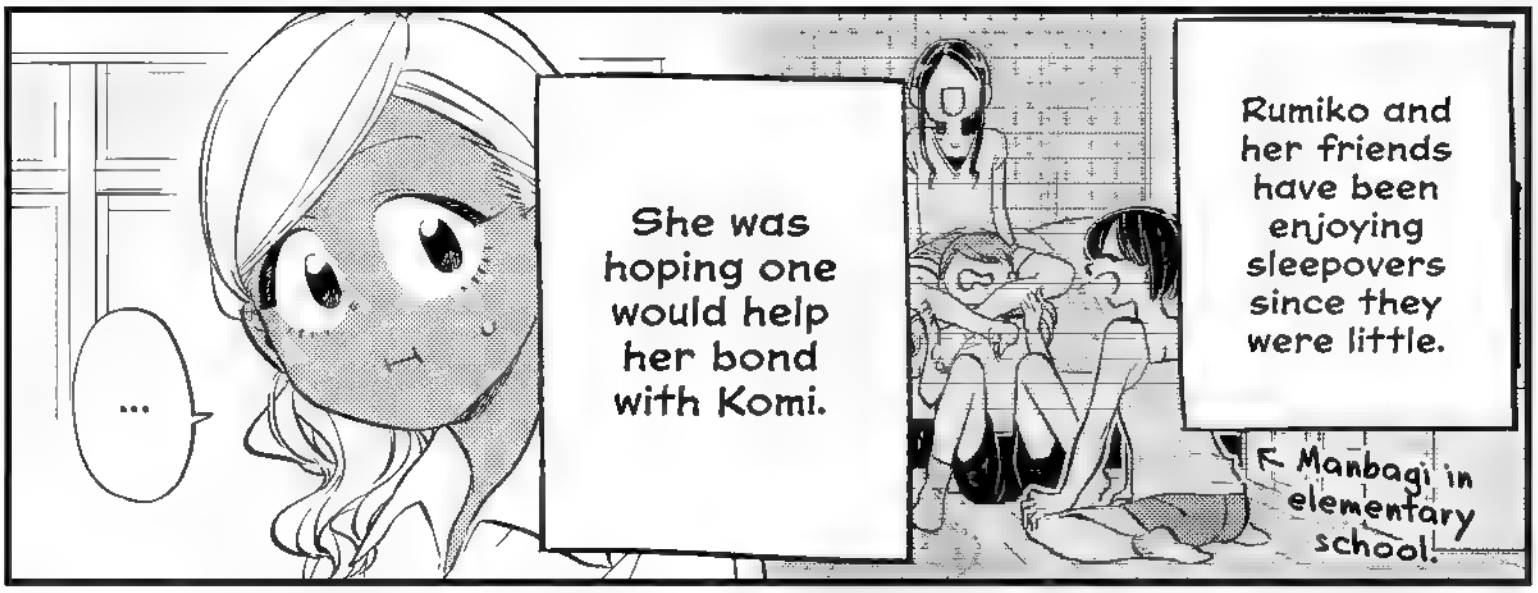
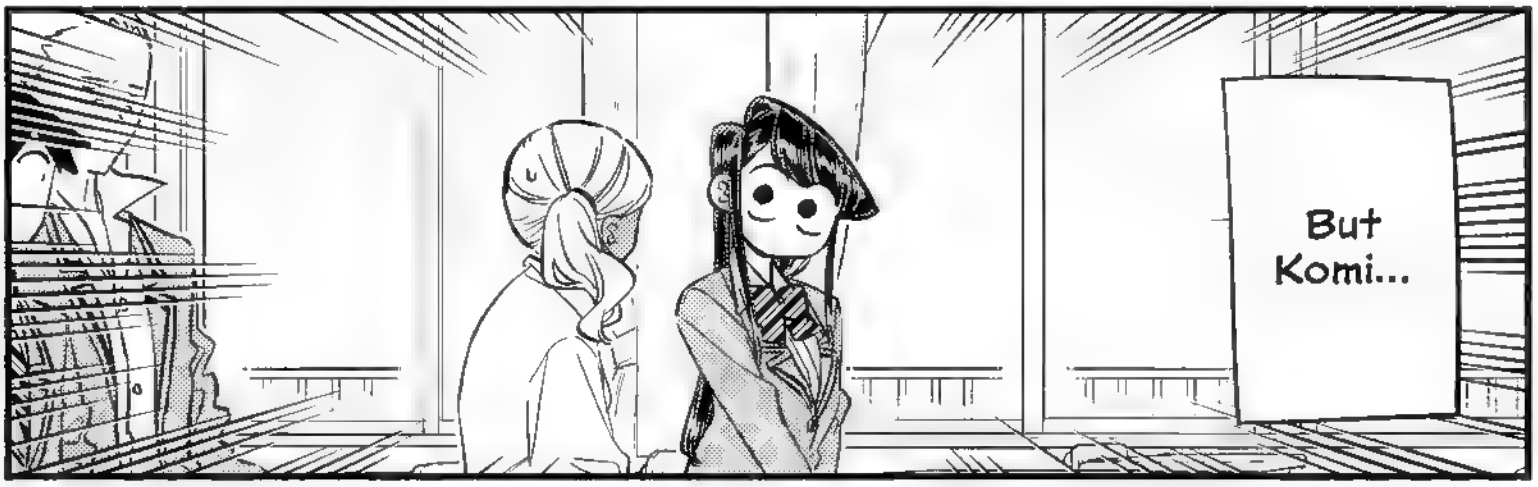


Sleepovers!!


Rumiko and her friends have been enjoying sleepovers since they were little.
↖ Manbagi in elementary school!
She was hoping one would help her bond with Komi.
...


But Komi...

...had never done such a thing. Even when Tadano and Najimi visited...
...she was worried ...
...about whether her house smelled funny...
...or was too messy!!

...she has longed for this!

How-ever...

...and this desire forced her to nod in agreement.

She desired to spend all night living it up with friends...

NOD

HUH?!

Real-izing what she's done

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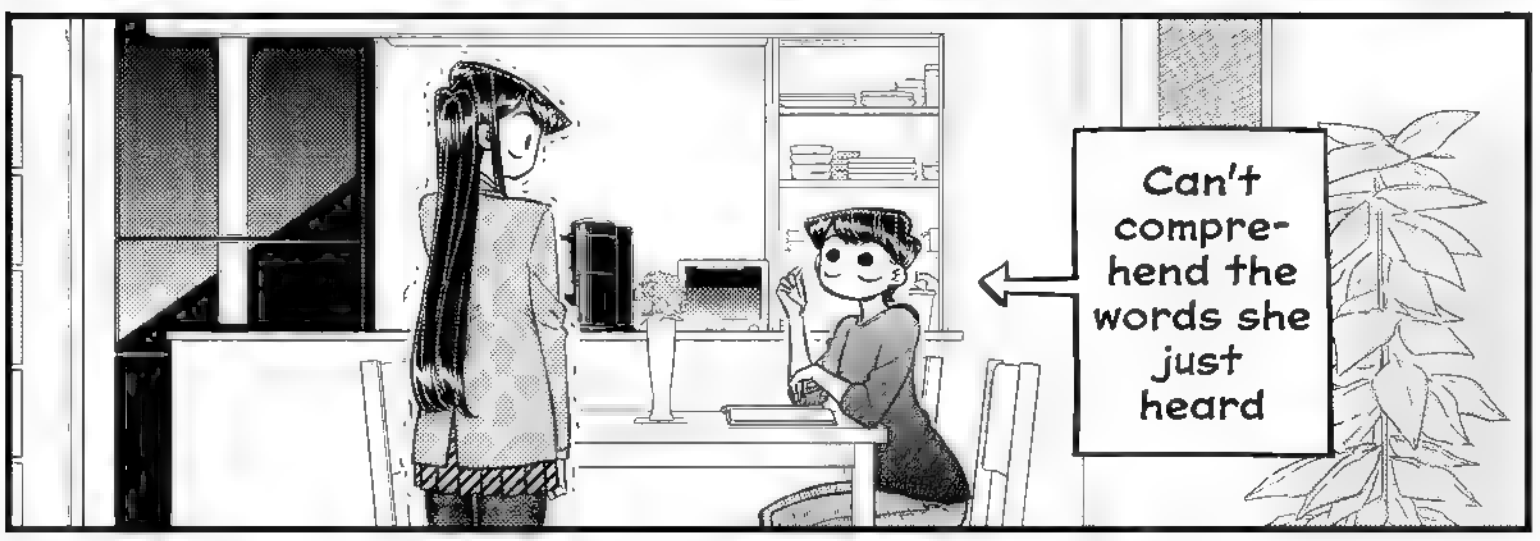
Communication 142: Sleepover

A SLEEP-OVER?


Can't compre-hend the words she just heard

Doesn't want her mother to go over-board

I'll make red bean rice!

Under-stood

THUD THUD THUD THUD

YEEEE! ♥ I'LL START GETTING READY !!

THANKS FOR HAVING ME OVER.

GOOD EVENING!

CLAP CLAP CLAP CLAP

NOT AT ALL! COME ON IN!

?!

I'M SHUKO KOMI AND I'M FOREVER 17! ☆

YES, THAT'S RIGHT!

UM, ARE YOU KOMI'S OLDER SISTER?

THIS IS TO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME COME OVER.

OH, YOU *SHOULDN'T* HAVE!

WOW! THIS IS YOUR ROOM?
It's so tidy!
...
I'm coming in!
YOUR MOM'S FUNNY.
YOU PREPARED A FUTON FOR ME? THANKS!

HMM? YOU WANT ME TO SLEEP IN THE BED?
!
!
POINT POINT
...!
?
FREEZE
Worried Manbagi may not want to sleep in her bed

!
AFTER ALL, IT'S YOUR HOUSE!
AHHAHHA
ANY-WAY, HAVE A SEAT!
THERE'S NO TV IN YOUR ROOM?
Oh, thanks.
"I'll get some cups."
NOD NOD
I BROUGHT SNACKS AND DRINKS.
IS MORNING TEA ALL RIGHT?

!
SO TELL ME...
FUMP
?!
Actually a little nervous
... WHAT'S YOUR HOBBY?

?!

TEE HEE! LIKE A PRETTY GIRL SHOULD!

"I like reading."

MY BAG HAS RABBIT FUR ON IT! AND LOOK AT THIS KEYCHAIN! ISN'T IT CUTE? IT'S GURO-USAGI! I'M CRAZY ABOUT IT!

BLAH

ME? I LOVE MAKE-UP AND NAIL ART AND SHOPPING!

BLAH

"How about you?"

AND I DIG MUSIC! LIKE MIKI KITANO! AND TORIJIN! THAT'S GREAT MUSIC! IT'S HARD TO DESCRIBE BUT...

BLAH

RIGHT NOW, I'M INTO RABBIT STUFF!

BLAH

How about you?

!

OH, SORRY. DO I TALK TOO MUCH?

SHAKE SHAKE

...

!

I admire your talkativeness.

AFTER ALL, YOU TALK ALL THE TIME.

HM? WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

...

I use a notebook, which is time-consuming and difficult to understand.

...

Hadn't noticed until now

?!

WHAM

HUH?! YOU'RE RIGHT! YOU WRITE EVERY-THING DOWN!!

Also her biggest shock this year

Her biggest shock this year

...

HUH?

HUH?!

SRSLY?!

SRSLY?!

!!

DIRECT

BUT WHY?!

"I'm uncomfortable communicating..."

"...but I can express myself like this."

"I can't talk in front of people."

-Explaining Communication Disorder-

Sorry. It must be boring for you.

?!

MNCH MNCH

NAH, IT'S ALL GOOD.

YOU'RE MY HERO!

IT DOESN'T MATTER, BECAUSE YOU HELPED ME!

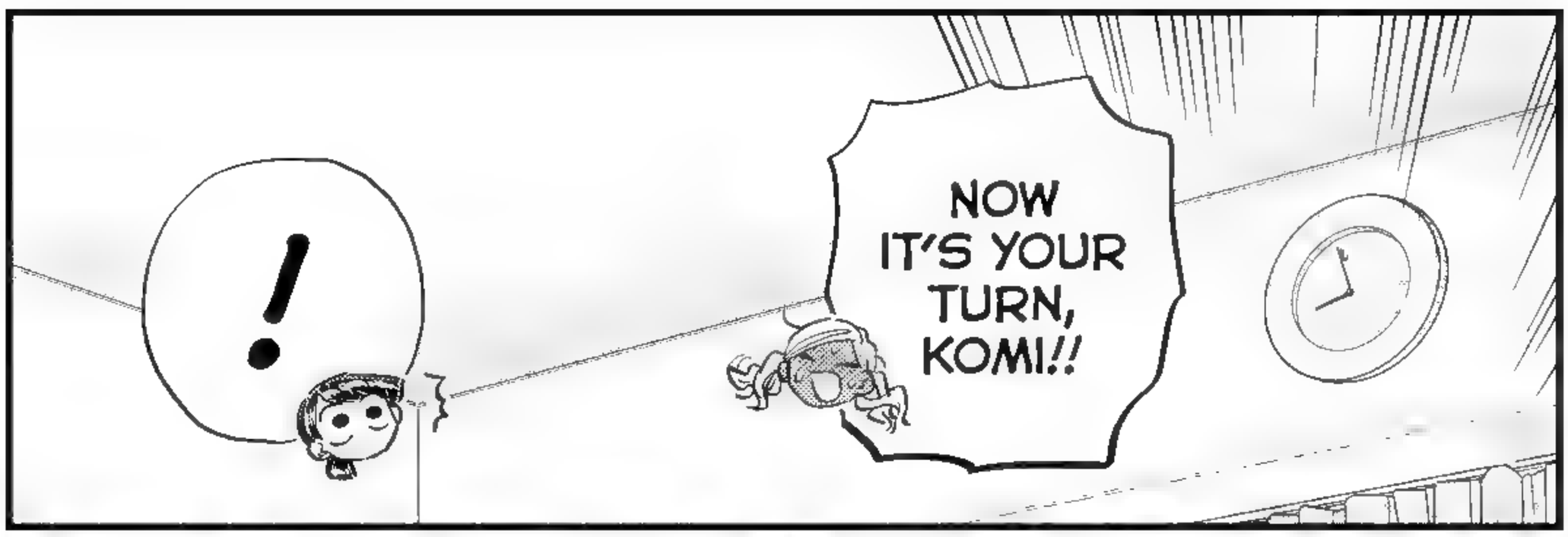
...!!

Sorry it must be boring for you
GULP GULP

*They're not drinking alcohol.
?!
Tipsy from embar-rassment over her question
GASSSP
SLAM
SO, YOU CRUSHING ON ANY-ONE?

!
?!
NO, WAIT! IT'S TOO SUDDEN, RIGHT?! SO I'LL GO FIRST!!
Something bitter-sweet!
NO, WAIT! JUST TELL ME YOUR FIRST LOVE!
BUT IT'S SO EMBAR-RASSING.
Waiting because she's inter-ested
...
...

!
HMPH HMPH HMPH
AH HA HA! TOTALLY BASIC, HUH?
...THE STAR BASEBALL PLAYER IN SECOND YEAR OF JUNIOR HIGH.
MY FIRST LOVE WAS UESUGI ...
Umphf!
You suck at throw-ing!!
...AND HE SMILED SO BRIGHTLY!
Rumiko! Toss me that ball!
...ONE DAY WHEN I THREW A BALL TO HIM...
TMP TMP
Rumiko in junior high
HE WAS JUST A NORMAL FRIEND UNTIL ...
AFTER THAT, I WAS OBSESSED WITH HIM.
IT HIT ME HERE! IN MY CHEST!
HMPH HMPH
THANKS!
KCH
Hey! Second time's a charm!
Second time
GLOOOOOOM
...
BUT I NEVER MADE A MOVE AND HE ENDED UP DATING THE CLASS BEAUTY.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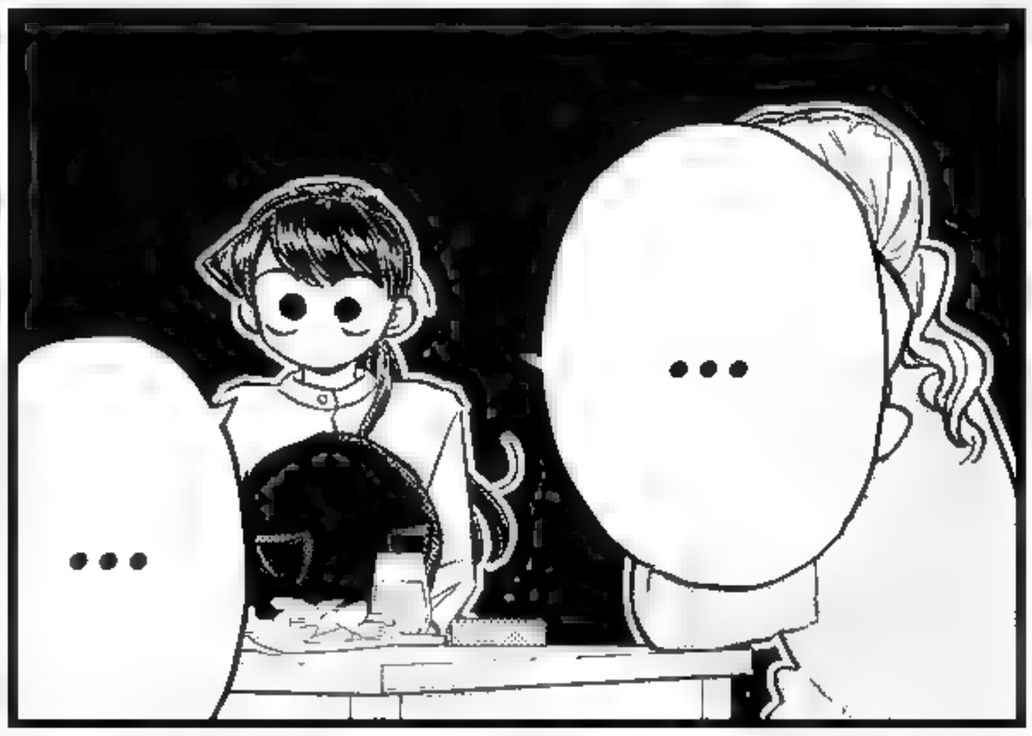
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN, KOMI!!

HMP-H
Getting light-headed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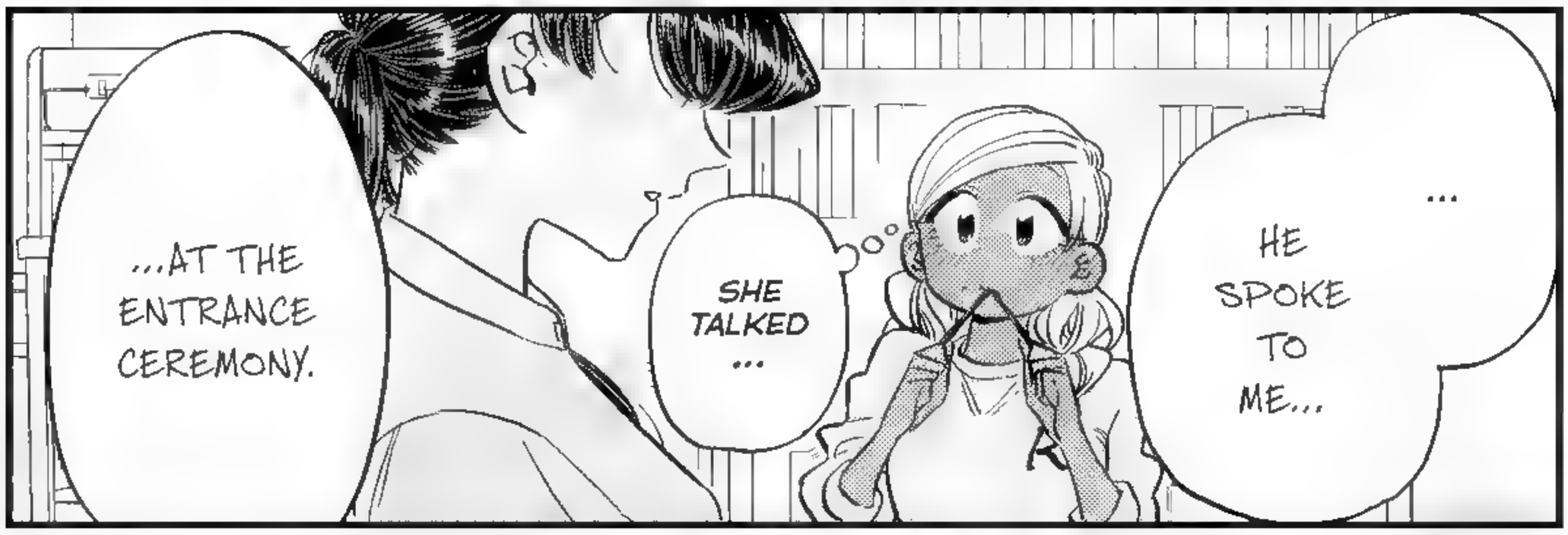

...AT THE ENTRANCE CEREMONY.
SHE TALKED ...
HE SPOKE TO ME...
...

...SO ...
...I THOUGHT HE WAS GREAT.
I HAD NEVER COMMUNICATED WITH ANYONE LIKE THAT...

...AND A LITTLE BIT CUTE.

AND HE'S RELIABLE ...

...AND COOL...

HE'S CONSID-ERATE AND POLITE...

...SO VERY KIND.

AND I ENJOY...

...OUR TIME...

... TOGETHER.

AND...

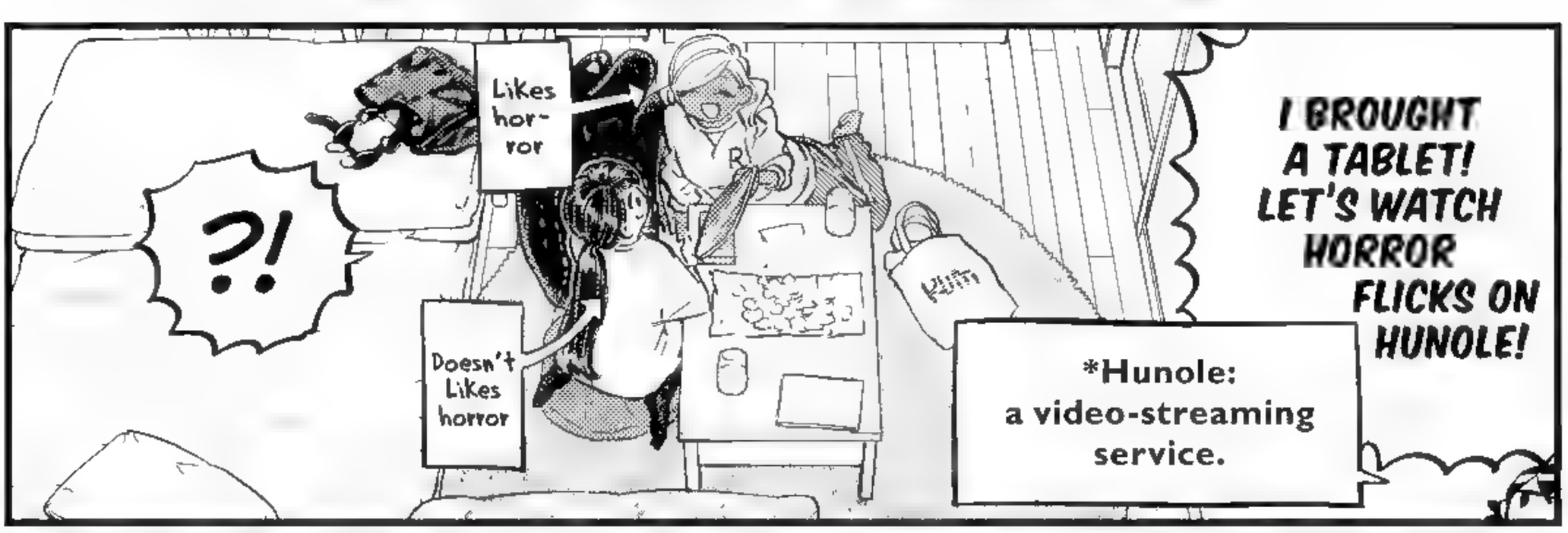
?!

Over-whlemed by bitter-sweetness

FSHHHHHHHH

NO, STOP THERE.

WHO DO YOU LIKE NOW?
THAT MUST BE AN OLD STORY, SO...
"What about you?"
What about you?
HUH?! YOU'RE DODGING THIS?!
I, UH...
WELL, UMMM ...


?!
Likes hor-ror
Doesn't Likes horror
I BROUGHT A TABLET! LET'S WATCH HORROR FLICKS ON HUNOLE!
*Hunole: a video-streaming service.

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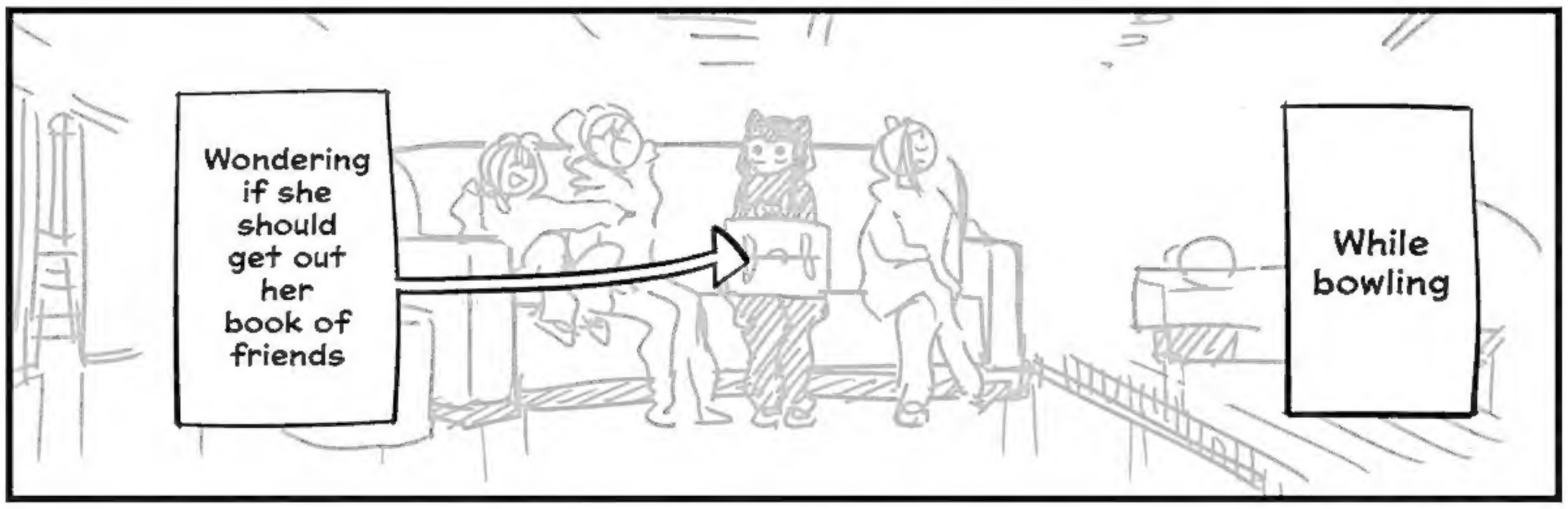
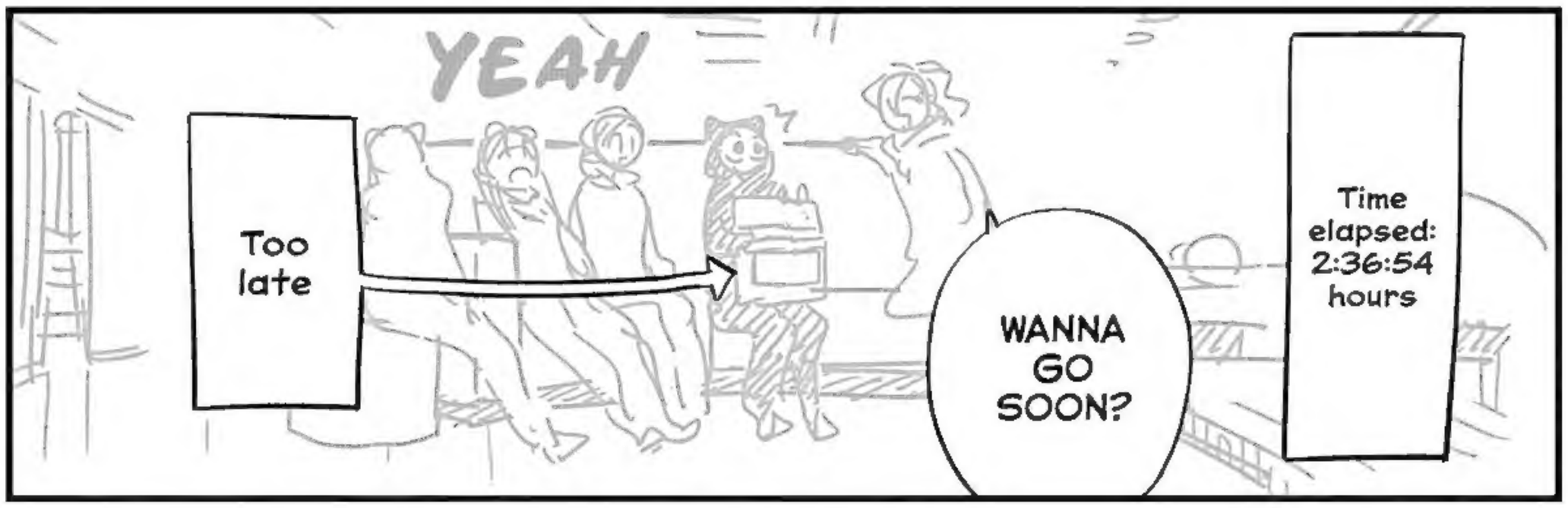
Can Komi Make a Hundred Friends? It's a Gyaru Trio! Shocking! Intense! And Extreme!





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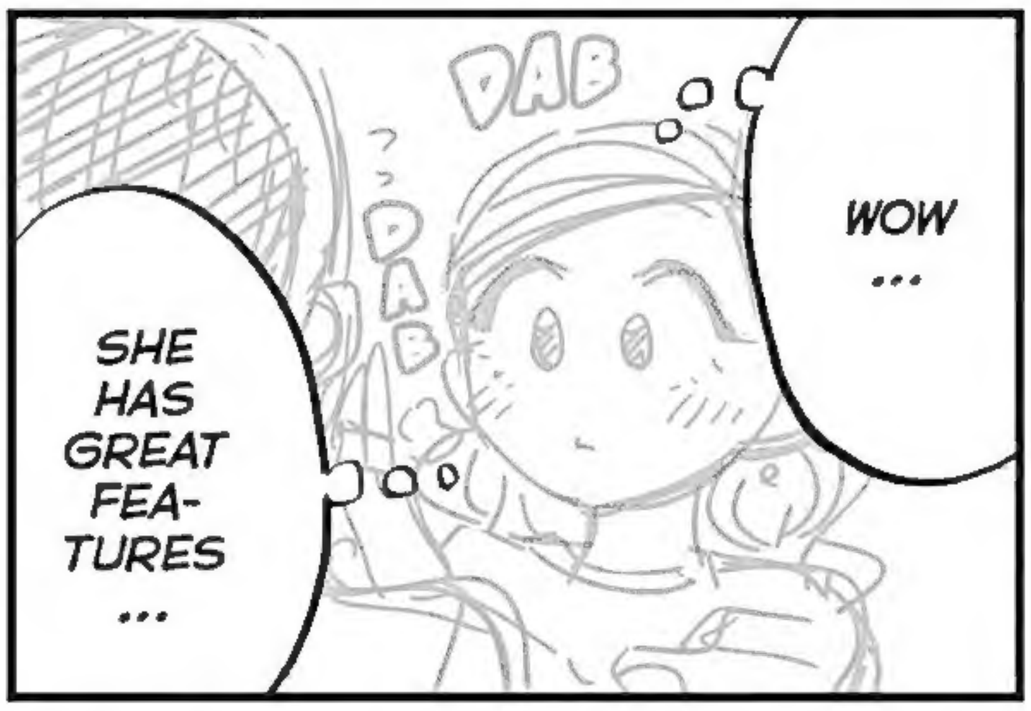
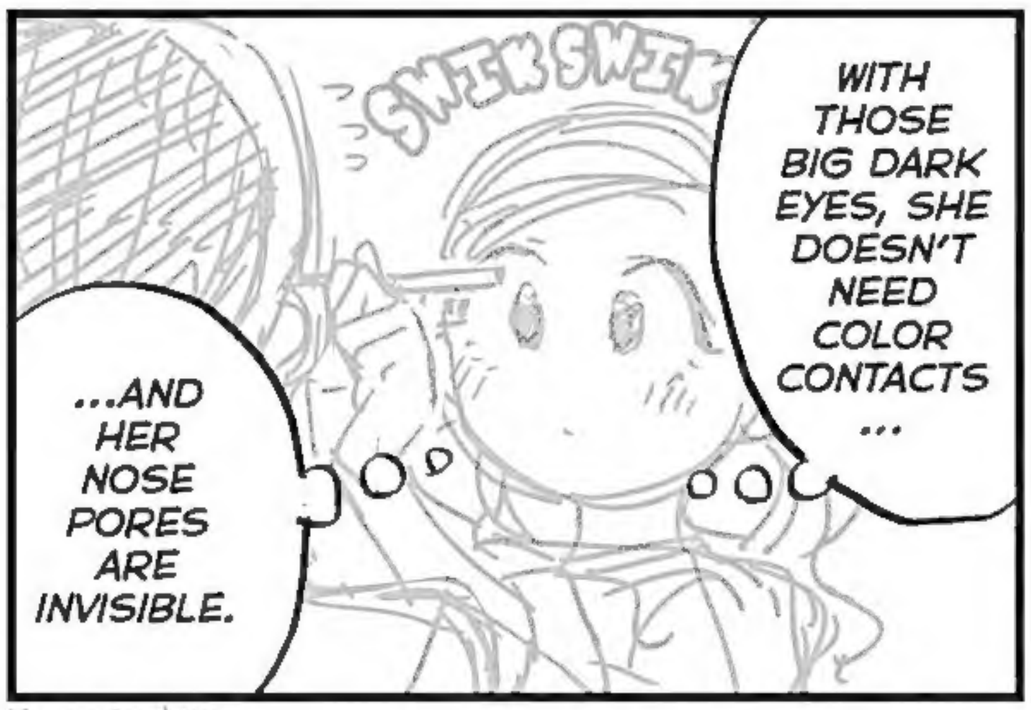
Rumiko Manbagi Has Sharp Style





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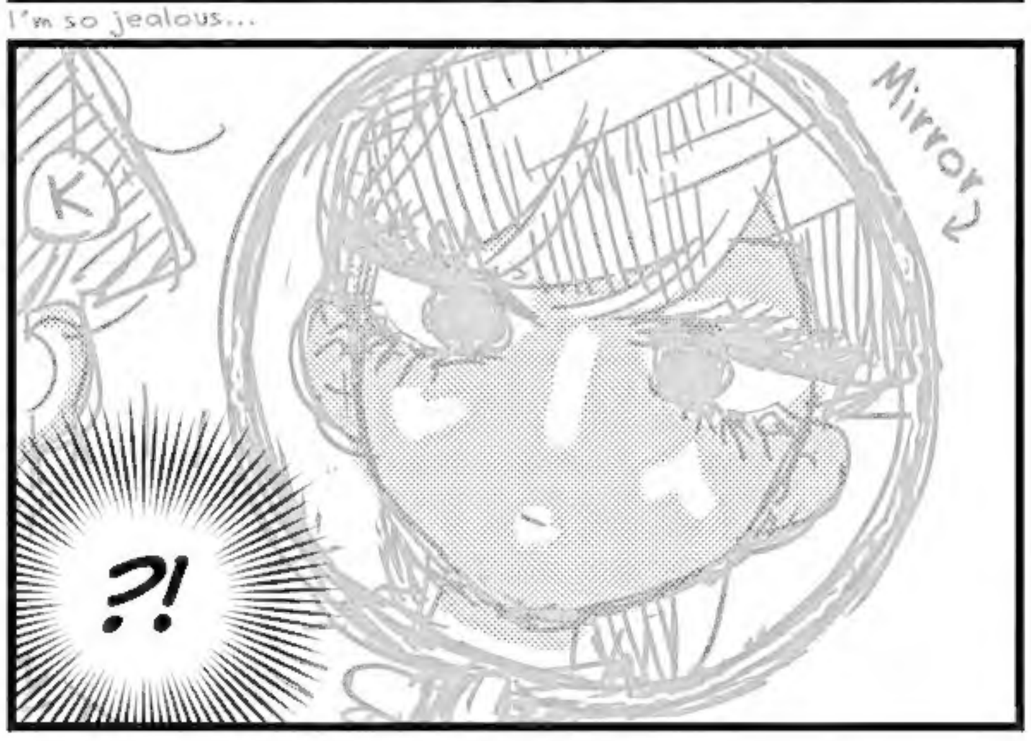

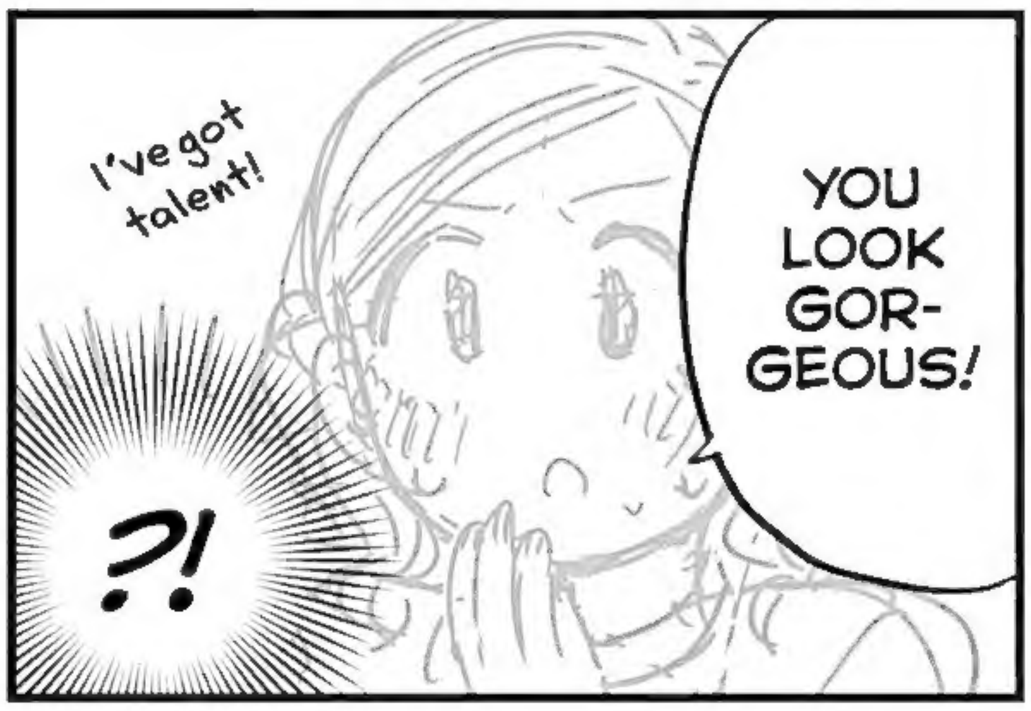

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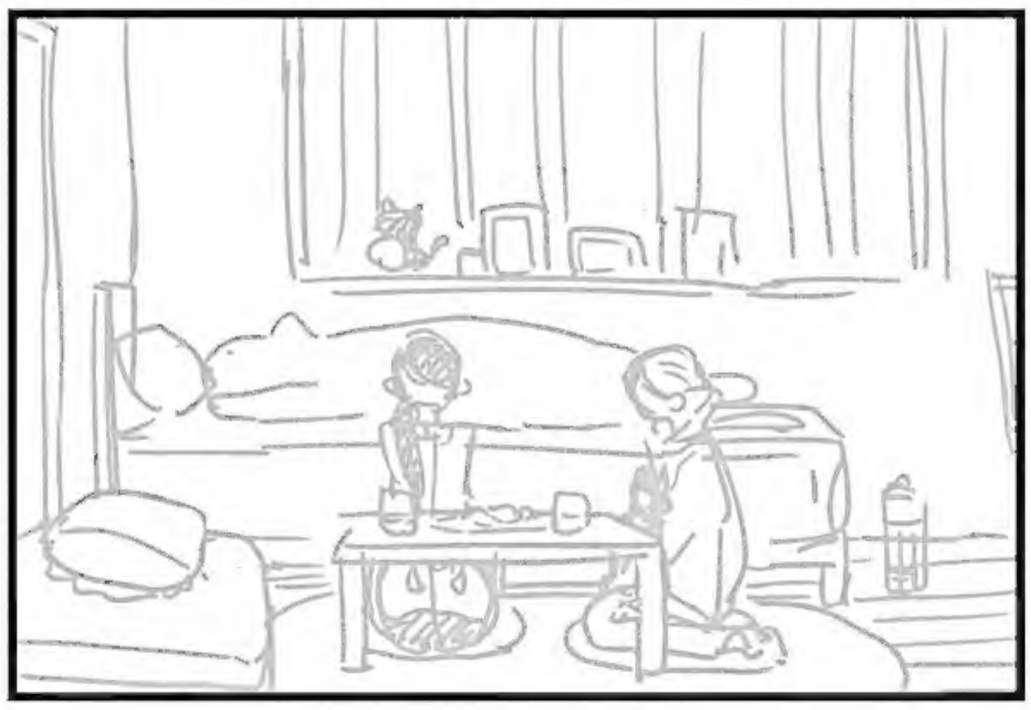

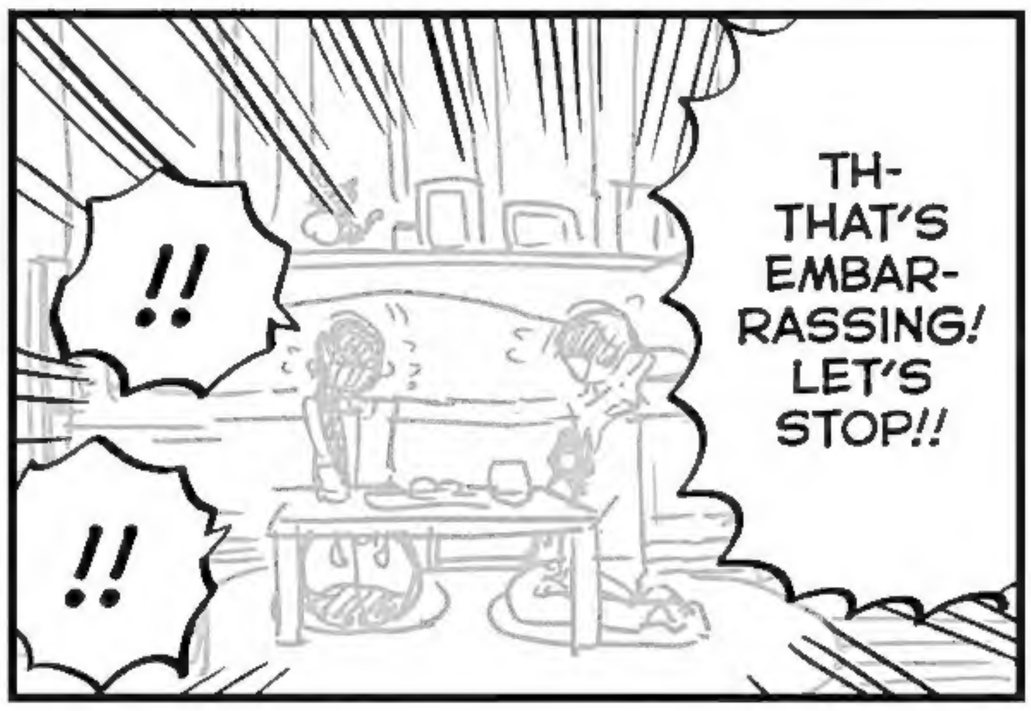

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